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West Virginia Economic Summary

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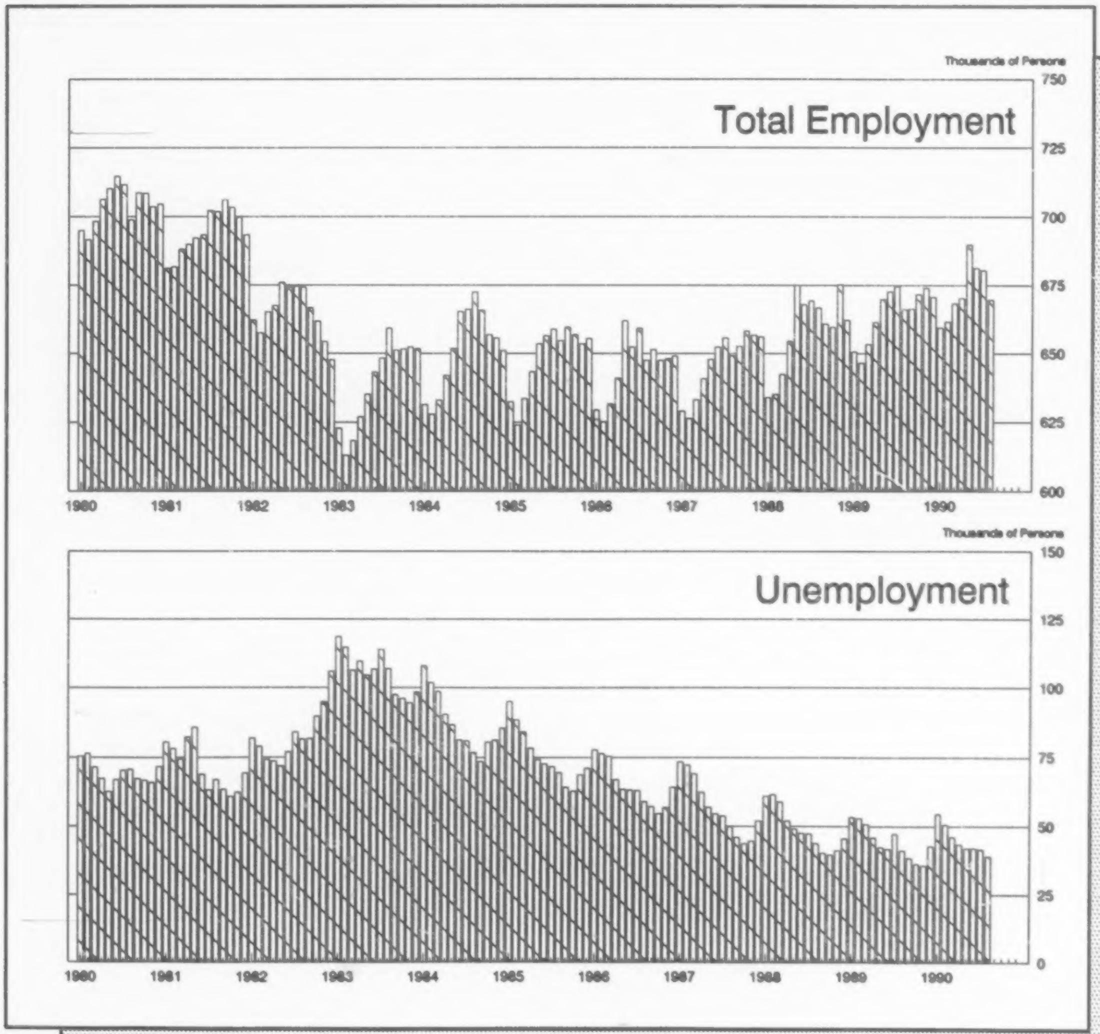

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West Virginia Economic Indicators

	August 1990	July 1990	August 1989
Average Weekly Hours in Manufacturing			
Unadjusted	40.7	40.2	40.3
Seasonally Adjusted	40.9	40.6	40.5
Total Production Worker Hours in Manufacturing (000), Weekly, Unadjusted	2,688	2,697	2,726
Average Weekly Earnings in Manufacturing, Unadjusted	$471.31	$471.14	$446.93
Average Weekly Hours in Bituminous Coal Mining, Unadjusted	41.5	42.5	43.5
Average Weekly Earnings in Bituminous Coal Mining, Unadjusted	$725.84	$775.63	$773.00
Coal Production (000 Tons)			
Unadjusted	14,684	12,571	13,268
Seasonally Adjusted	13,827	15,777	12,493
Commercial and Industrial Electric Power Sales (000,000 KWH)			
Unadjusted	1,147	1,117	1,097
Seasonally Adjusted	1,140	1,154	1,090
New Motor Vehicle Registrations, Unadjusted	6,941	9,030	8,847
Interstate Initial Claims			
Unadjusted	934	903	787
Seasonally Adjusted	989	853	834
Average Weekly Initial Claims			
Unadjusted	1,532	1,694	1,488
Seasonally Adjusted	1,713	1,513	1,664
Insured Unemployment Rate			
Unadjusted	2.2	2.5	2.5
Seasonally Adjusted	2.8	2.8	3.1
Total Unemployment Rate, Seasonally Adjusted (WV Series)	6.0	6.0	6.3

NOTE: Data for prior month and year may be revised from previously published figures.

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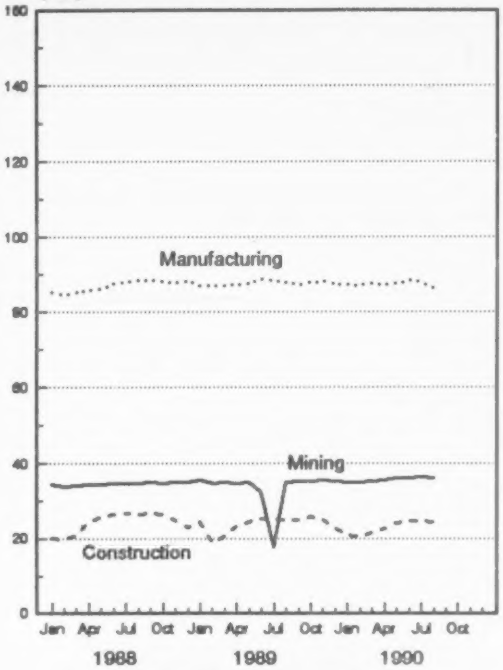
Selected National Data

	August 1990	July 1990	August 1989
Civilian Unemployment Rate			
Unadjusted	5.4	5.5	5.1
Seasonally Adjusted	5.6	5.5	5.2
Consumer Price Index, All Urban Consumers			
Unadjusted			
1982-84 Base	131.6	130.4	124.6
1967 Base	394.1	390.7	373.1
Producer Price Index, Finished Goods Unadjusted, 1982 Base	119.2	118.0	113.4
Initial Claims for Unemployment Insurance (000) Week including 12th, Unadjusted	313.6	432.7	288.3
Insured Unemployment Rate, Week including 12th			
Unadjusted	2.2	2.3	2.0
Seasonally Adjusted	2.4	2.4	2.1

Trends in the West Virginia Labor Market

Goods Producing Employment

Employment in Thousands



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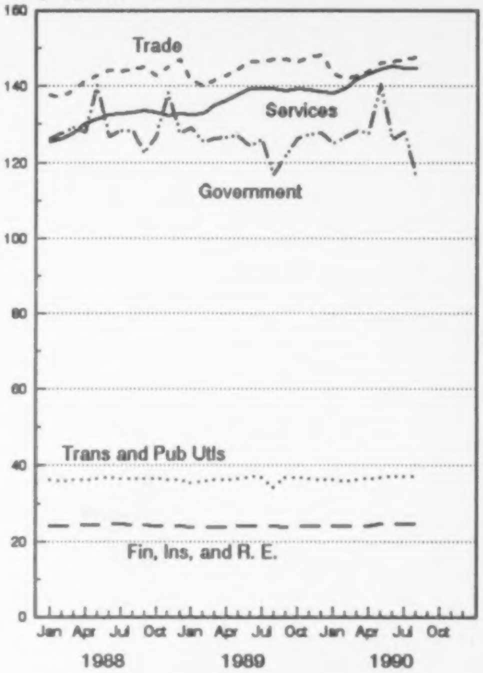

Average Weekly Earnings

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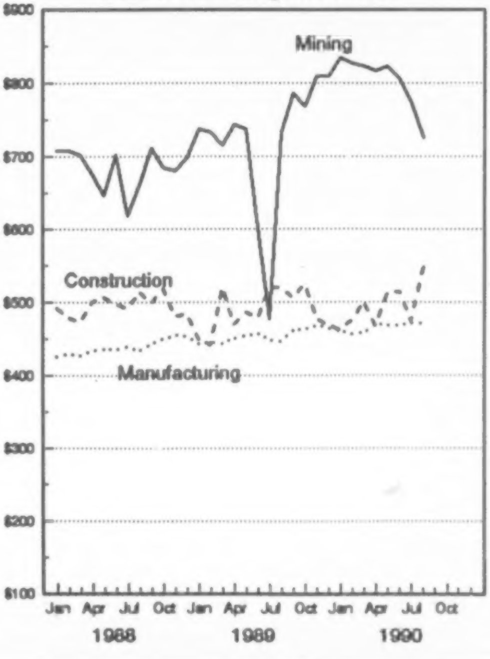

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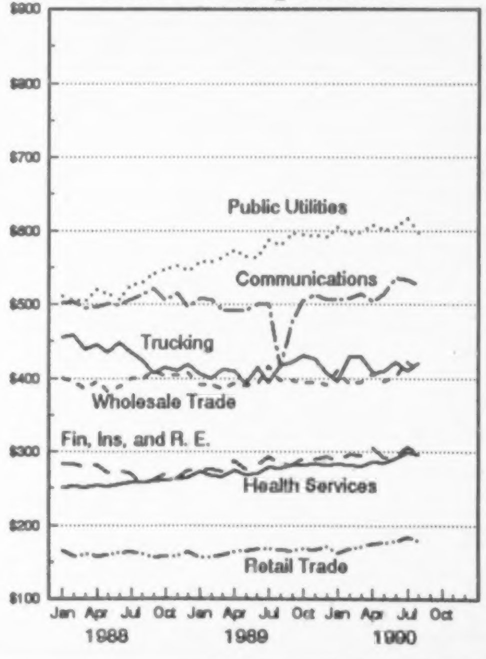


Total Employment, Unemployment, and Civilian Labor Force In West Virginia

WV Series Labor Force Data **(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)**	Prelim. Aug.'90	Revised July'90	Revised Aug.'89	Change From: July 1990	Change From: Aug. 1989
Civilian Labor Force	708.5	721.9	707.1	-13.4	1.4
Total Employment	669.5	680.4	666.1	-10.9	3.4
Total Unemployment	39.0	41.5	41.1	-2.5	-2.1
Unemployment Rate	5.5	5.7	5.8	xx	xx
BLS Series Labor Force Data **(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)**					
Civilian Labor Force	776.1	780.4	771.0	-4.3	5.1
Total Employment	708.8	724.5	712.4	-15.7	-3.6
Total Unemployment	67.2	55.9	58.7	11.3	8.5
Unemployment Rate	8.7	7.2	7.6	xx	xx

EMPLOYMENT: Total employment decreased 10,900 during the month to an estimated 669,500 in mid-August. A seasonal employment decline always occurs in August, as the Governor's Summer Youth Program employment of over 9,000 comes to an end. This August, the wind-down of federal census workers' employment has made the contraction a little sharper.

Payroll employment in the nonagricultural sectors of West Virginia's economy stood at 618,400 in mid-August, 12,200 fewer than a month ago. In the goods-producing industries, an accumulation of scattered minor downturns caused mining to shrink 300, construction to lose a slight 100 and manufacturing to be off by 1,200. No one manufacturing industry went down by more than 100 except chemicals, which lost 300. Among service-producing industries, government experienced major seasonal losses while other service industries maintained their employment or slightly increased it. Trade, which added 800 overall, is showing strength in almost every category. On the other hand, transportation and public utilities, finance, insurance and real estate, and services remained virtually unchanged since last month. In government, the loss of 9,200 Governor's Summer Youth Program workers was augmented by a layoff of 1,300 federal census enumerators plus a seasonal decline of 800 in local government education. Total government employment went down 11,500 since last month.

Compared with August of last year, nonagricultural payroll employment has grown by 8,400 jobs. The improvements have been centered in the service-producing industries, which gained 9,300 since last year, while the goods-producing sector is lower by 900 since August a year ago.

UNEMPLOYMENT: Total unemployment decreased 2,500 to an estimated 39,000 in mid-August. This represents an unemployment rate of 5.5 percent for August. This is the lowest August unemployment rate since 1979.

Average Hours and Earnings, West Virginia Production Workers, Select Industries

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Prelim. Aug.'90	Revised July'90	Revised Aug.'89	Prelim. Aug.'90	Revised July'90	Revised Aug.'89	Prelim. Aug.'90	Revised July'90	Revised Aug.'89
Manufacturing	$471.31	$471.16	$446.93	40.7	40.2	40.3	$11.58	$11.72	$11.09
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	464.26	448.47	428.65	40.3	38.2	39.8	11.52	11.74	10.77
Primary Metals Industries	612.47	640.93	557.06	42.8	42.9	40.9	14.31	14.94	13.62
Fabricated Metal Products	403.25	398.92	384.85	38.7	36.2	35.7	10.42	11.02	10.78
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	451.97	475.48	448.67	38.4	38.5	39.6	11.77	12.35	11.33
Electronic & Electrical Equipment	512.11	494.50	489.20	41.1	40.4	42.1	12.46	12.24	11.62
Chemical & Allied Products	693.31	682.00	667.95	44.5	44.0	43.8	15.58	15.50	15.25
Coal Mining	725.84	775.63	773.00	41.5	42.5	43.5	17.49	18.25	17.77
Construction	549.04	474.16	519.01	40.4	36.7	39.2	13.59	12.92	13.24

Statewide Nonagricultural Payroll Employment by Industry

(In Thousands – Not Seasonally Adjusted)

August 1990

	Prelim. Aug.'90	Revised July'90	Revised Aug.'89	Change From: July 1990	Aug. 1989
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL	618.4	630.6	610.0	-12.2	8.4
GOODS PRODUCING	147.1	148.7	148.0	-1.6	-0.9
Mining	36.0	36.3	35.1	-0.3	0.9
Coal Mining	30.3	30.8	29.5	-0.5	0.8
Oil & Gas Extraction	4.5	4.4	4.5	0.1	0.0
Other Mining	1.2	1.1	1.1	0.1	0.1
Construction	24.5	24.6	24.9	-0.1	-0.4
General Building Contractors	6.2	6.1	7.0	0.1	-0.8
Heavy Construction	6.9	6.6	6.0	0.3	0.9
Special Trade Contractors	11.4	11.9	11.9	-0.5	-0.5
Manufacturing	86.6	87.8	88.0	-1.2	-1.4
Durable Goods	48.5	49.2	49.8	-0.7	-1.3
Lumber, Wood Products & Furniture	7.6	7.7	7.6	-0.1	0.0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	8.1	8.2	8.2	-0.1	-0.1
Primary Metals Industries	14.7	14.7	15.2	0.0	-0.5
Fabricated Metal Products	5.1	5.2	5.4	-0.1	-0.3
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	5.6	5.7	5.9	-0.1	-0.3
Electronic & Electrical Equipment	2.6	2.7	2.3	-0.1	0.3
Transportation Equipment	2.4	2.5	2.7	-0.1	-0.3
Other Durable Goods	2.4	2.5	2.5	-0.1	-0.1
Nondurable Goods	38.1	38.6	38.2	-0.5	-0.1
Food & Kindred Products	4.5	4.5	4.1	0.0	0.4
Textile Mill Products	0.8	0.9	0.9	-0.1	-0.1
Apparel & Other Textile Products	4.0	4.0	4.4	0.0	-0.4
Paper & Allied Products	1.1	1.0	1.3	0.1	-0.2
Printing & Publishing	5.1	5.1	5.0	0.0	0.1
Chemical & Allied Products	18.1	18.4	18.0	-0.3	0.1
Other Nondurable Goods	4.5	4.7	4.5	-0.2	0.0
SERVICE PRODUCING	471.3	481.9	462.0	-10.6	9.3
Transportation & Public Utilities	37.2	37.2	34.3	0.0	2.9
Railroad Transportation	3.9	4.0	4.0	-0.1	-0.1
Trucking & Warehousing	9.0	9.0	9.1	0.0	-0.1
Other Transportation	3.5	3.5	3.4	0.0	0.1
Communications	8.2	8.1	5.3	0.1	2.9
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	12.6	12.6	12.5	0.0	0.1
Trade	147.9	147.1	147.2	0.8	0.7
Wholesale Trade	30.6	30.4	30.5	0.2	0.1
Retail Trade	117.3	116.7	116.7	0.6	0.6
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	5.6	5.5	5.4	0.1	0.2
General Merchandise Stores	16.0	15.6	17.6	0.4	-1.6
Food Stores	22.7	22.7	23.1	0.0	-0.4
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	14.9	14.8	14.8	0.1	0.1
Apparel & Accessory Stores	6.7	6.6	5.3	0.1	1.4
Home Furniture & Equipment Stores	4.7	4.7	4.7	0.0	0.0
Eating & Drinking Places	35.9	36.0	34.9	-0.1	1.0
Miscellaneous Retail	10.8	10.8	10.9	0.0	-0.1
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	24.6	24.6	24.1	0.0	0.5
Finance	13.8	13.9	13.7	-0.1	0.1
Insurance	6.6	6.5	6.3	0.1	0.3
Real Estate	4.2	4.2	4.1	0.0	0.1
Services	145.0	144.9	139.4	0.1	5.6
Agricultural Services	2.7	2.8	2.2	-0.1	0.5
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	9.2	9.2	8.6	0.0	0.6
Personal Services	5.8	5.9	6.2	-0.1	-0.4
Business Services	13.8	13.7	13.4	0.1	0.4
Automotive & Miscellaneous Repair Services	6.1	6.1	5.7	0.0	0.4
Amusements, incl. Motion Pictures	6.8	6.7	6.9	0.1	-0.1
Health Services	55.7	55.7	53.2	0.0	2.5
Nursing & Personal Care Homes	10.3	10.3	9.6	0.0	0.7
Hospitals	28.3	28.3	27.1	0.0	1.2
Other Health Services	17.1	17.1	16.5	0.0	0.6
Legal Services	4.0	4.0	3.7	0.0	0.3
Educational Services	3.7	3.7	3.9	0.0	-0.2
Social Services	8.8	8.7	8.0	0.1	0.8
Membership Organizations	19.7	19.7	19.5	0.0	0.2
Engineering & Management Services	7.7	7.7	7.0	0.0	0.7
Government	116.6	128.1	117.0	-11.5	-0.4
Federal	16.0	17.3	16.7	-1.3	-0.7
Hospitals	2.9	2.9	3.0	0.0	-0.1
U S Postal Service	5.0	5.0	5.2	0.0	-0.2
Other Federal	8.1	9.4	8.5	-1.3	-0.4
State	34.9	44.0	34.1	-9.1	0.8
Hospitals	2.8	2.9	3.0	-0.1	-0.2
Education	12.8	12.6	11.7	0.2	1.1
Other State	19.3	28.5	19.4	-9.2	-0.1
Local	65.7	66.8	66.2	-1.1	-0.5
Hospitals	4.9	4.9	4.9	0.0	0.0
Education	40.2	41.0	40.0	-0.8	0.2
Other Local	20.6	20.9	21.3	-0.3	-0.7
Total Private Sector	501.8	502.5	493.0	-0.7	8.8
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.3	0.3	3.3	xx	xx

Women Workers
Statewide Nonagricultural Payroll Employment by Industry

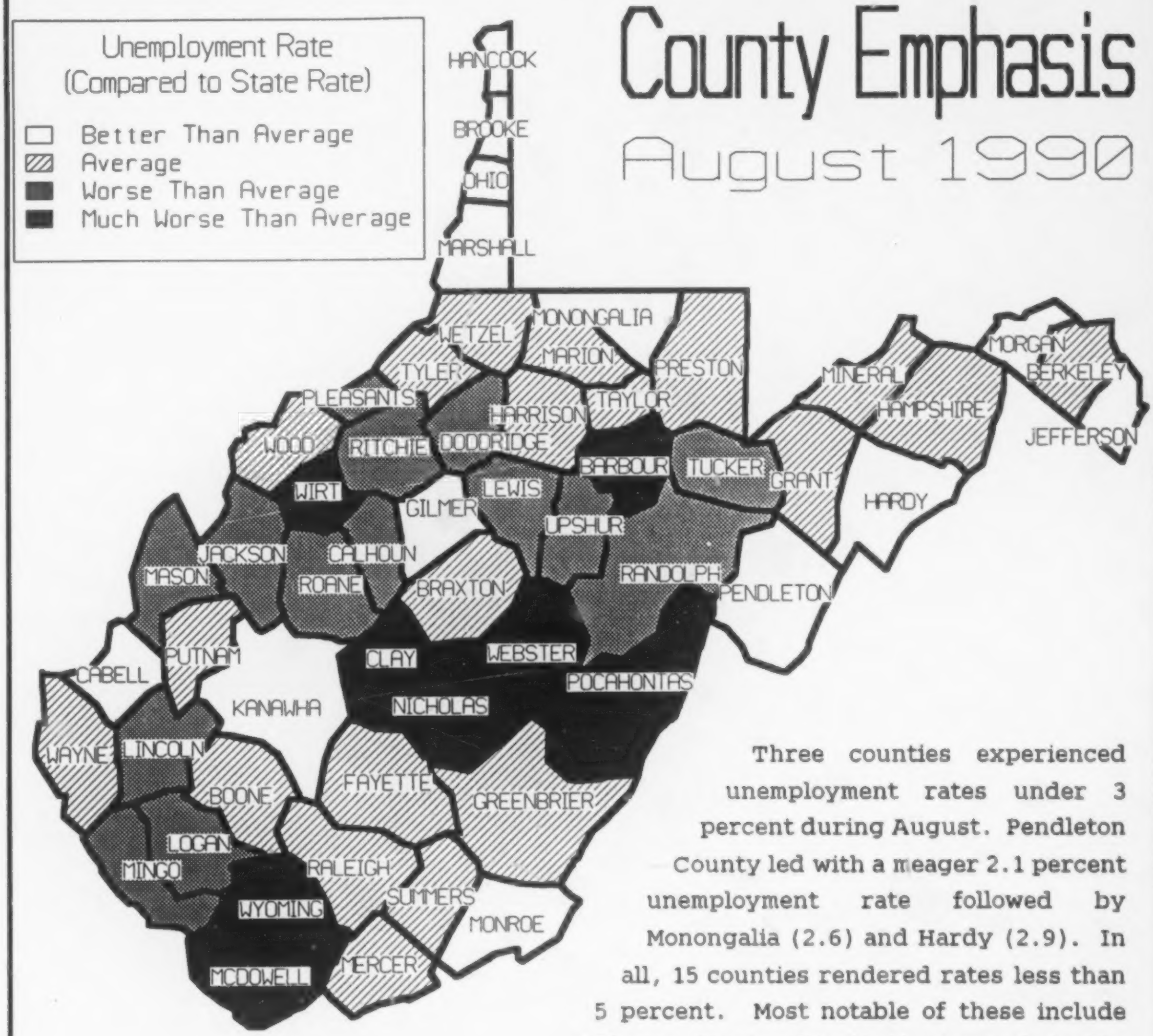
(In Thousands – Not Seasonally Adjusted)

August 1990

	Prelim. Aug.'90	Revised July'90	Revised Aug.'89	Change From: July 1990	Aug. 1989
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL	267.1	271.2	249.0	-4.1	18.1
GOODS PRODUCING	24.2	24.3	23.4	-0.1	0.8
Mining	2.1	2.1	1.9	0.0	0.2
Coal Mining	1.2	1.2	1.0	0.0	0.2
Oil & Gas Extraction	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.0	0.0
Construction	2.0	2.0	1.7	0.0	0.3
General Building Contractors	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.0	0.0
Heavy Construction	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.0	0.1
Special Trade Contractors	1.1	1.1	0.9	0.0	0.2
Manufacturing	20.1	20.2	19.8	-0.1	0.3
Durable Goods	7.9	7.8	7.7	0.1	0.2
Lumber, Wood Products & Furniture	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.0	0.0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	2.4	2.4	2.4	0.0	0.0
Primary Metals Industries	1.1	1.1	1.1	0.0	0.0
Fabricated Metal Products	0.8	0.7	0.8	0.1	0.0
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.0	-0.1
Electronic & Electrical Equipment	0.9	0.9	0.7	0.0	0.2
Transportation Equipment	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.0	0.0
Other Durable Goods	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.0	0.1
Nondurable Goods	12.2	12.4	12.1	-0.2	0.1
Food & Kindred Products	1.2	1.2	0.9	0.0	0.3
Textile Mill Products	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.0	0.0
Apparel & Other Textile Products	3.3	3.4	3.6	-0.1	-0.3
Paper & Allied Products	0.4	0.3	0.6	0.1	-0.2
Printing & Publishing	1.9	1.9	1.7	0.0	0.2
Chemical & Allied Products	3.1	3.2	2.8	-0.1	0.3
Other Nondurable Goods	1.7	1.8	1.9	-0.1	-0.2
SERVICE PRODUCING	242.9	246.9	225.6	-4.0	17.3
Transportation & Public Utilities	8.0	8.0	6.5	0.0	1.5
Trucking & Warehousing	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.0	0.0
Other Transportation	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.0	0.1
Communications	3.5	3.5	2.3	0.0	1.2
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	2.5	2.5	2.3	0.0	0.2
Trade	67.3	66.4	60.4	0.9	6.9
Wholesale Trade	5.6	5.6	5.3	0.0	0.3
Retail Trade	61.7	60.8	55.1	0.9	6.6
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	0.9	0.9	0.7	0.0	0.2
General Merchandise Stores	10.4	10.1	10.1	0.3	0.3
Food Stores	11.5	11.3	10.0	0.2	1.5
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	3.4	3.4	3.0	0.0	0.4
Apparel & Accessory Stores	5.5	5.4	4.1	0.1	1.4
Home Furniture & Equipment Stores	1.6	1.6	1.6	0.0	0.0
Eating & Drinking Places	20.4	20.2	18.2	0.2	2.2
Miscellaneous Retail	8.0	7.9	7.4	0.1	0.6
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	15.2	15.3	15.1	-0.1	0.1
Finance	10.5	10.6	9.8	-0.1	0.7
Insurance	3.0	3.0	3.4	0.0	-0.4
Real Estate	1.7	1.7	1.9	0.0	-0.2
Services	92.6	92.3	86.9	0.3	5.7
Agricultural Services	1.0	1.1	0.8	-0.1	0.2
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	4.9	4.8	4.0	0.1	0.9
Personal Services	3.5	3.4	3.2	0.1	0.3
Business Services	6.5	6.8	6.0	-0.3	0.5
Automotive & Miscellaneous Repair Services	1.1	1.2	1.2	-0.1	-0.1
Amusements, incl. Motion Pictures	3.2	3.2	2.8	0.0	0.4
Health Services	45.5	45.4	42.9	0.1	2.6
Nursing & Personal Care Homes	8.9	8.8	6.9	0.1	2.0
Hospitals	23.0	23.0	22.3	0.0	0.7
Other Health Services	13.6	13.6	13.7	0.0	-0.1
Legal Services	3.1	3.1	2.9	0.0	0.2
Educational Services	2.0	2.0	2.1	0.0	-0.1
Social Services	6.1	6.1	5.5	0.0	0.6
Membership Organizations	12.1	11.7	11.9	0.4	0.2
Engineering & Management Services	2.9	2.8	2.9	0.1	0.0
Government	59.8	64.9	56.7	-5.1	3.1
Federal	6.7	7.7	7.0	-1.0	-0.3
Hospitals	1.6	1.6	1.6	0.0	0.0
U S Postal Service	1.3	1.3	1.3	0.0	0.0
Other Federal	3.8	4.8	4.1	-1.0	-0.3
State	15.8	19.5	14.9	-3.7	0.9
Hospitals	1.9	2.0	2.1	-0.1	-0.2
Education	6.5	6.4	4.9	0.1	1.6
Other State	7.4	11.1	7.9	-3.7	-0.5
Local	37.3	37.7	34.8	-0.4	2.5
Hospitals	4.1	4.1	4.0	0.0	0.1
Education	25.7	26.1	23.7	-0.4	2.0
Other Local	7.5	7.5	7.1	0.0	0.4
Total Private Sector	207.3	206.3	192.3	1.0	15.0

County Emphasis

August 1990


Unemployment Rate
(Compared to State Rate)
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RANDOLPH
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POCAHONTAS
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PUTNAM
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HARDY

Three counties experienced unemployment rates under 3 percent during August. Pendleton County led with a meager 2.1 percent unemployment rate followed by Monongalia (2.6) and Hardy (2.9). In all, 15 counties rendered rates less than 5 percent. Most notable of these include Jefferson (3.1), Ohio (3.2), Hancock (3.5), Monroe (3.6), and Kanawha (3.7). Significant declines in unemployment rates were recorded by Pleasants (-2.5), Doddridge (-2.1), Taylor (-1.9), Ritchie (-1.7), and Hampshire (-1.7).

Though the highest unemployment rates were observed in Webster (14.6) and McDowell (12.9), the data represented declines for each from the previous month. Other counties gripped by double-digit unemployment rates include Wirt (11.4), Nicholas (10.1), and Barbour (10.0).

West Virginia Labor Force Statistics by County

_(WV Series Labor Force Data -- as calculated by the WV Division of Employment Security)_*

August 1990
(Revised July 1990 in parentheses)

THESE LABOR FORCE STATISTICS WERE DESIGNED TO BE USED FOR ECONOMIC ANALYSIS

County	Civilian Labor Force		Employment		Unemployment		Unemployment As Percent of Civilian Labor Force	
Barbour	4,220	(4,320)	3,790	(3,900)	420	(420)	10.0	(9.7)
Berkeley	26,240	(26,670)	25,000	(25,310)	1,240	(1,370)	4.7	(5.1)
Boone	7,800	(8,010)	7,300	(7,490)	500	(520)	6.4	(6.5)
Braxton	5,360	(5,530)	5,030	(5,150)	330	(380)	6.2	(6.9)
Brooke	10,280	(10,420)	9,840	(9,890)	430	(530)	4.2	(5.1)
Cabell	41,730	(42,160)	39,970	(40,210)	1,760	(1,950)	4.2	(4.6)
Calhoun	2,900	(2,970)	2,630	(2,690)	270	(280)	9.2	(9.4)
Clay	2,650	(2,850)	2,390	(2,550)	260	(300)	9.9	(10.5)
Doddridge	2,320	(2,430)	2,170	(2,220)	150	(210)	6.6	(8.7)
Fayette	16,210	(16,730)	15,180	(15,570)	1,030	(1,160)	6.3	(6.9)
Gilmer	2,720	(2,840)	2,600	(2,690)	120	(140)	4.3	(5.0)
Grant	4,020	(4,080)	3,770	(3,840)	260	(240)	6.3	(5.9)
Greenbrier	14,440	(14,910)	13,650	(13,920)	790	(990)	5.5	(6.7)
Hampshire	6,630	(6,760)	6,200	(6,200)	430	(550)	6.5	(8.2)
Hancock	13,670	(13,810)	13,190	(13,240)	490	(570)	3.5	(4.1)
Hardy	5,680	(5,710)	5,510	(5,520)	170	(180)	2.9	(3.2)
Harrison	28,190	(28,950)	26,560	(27,220)	1,630	(1,740)	5.8	(6.0)
Jackson	8,860	(8,810)	8,210	(8,220)	650	(590)	7.3	(6.7)
Jefferson	18,860	(19,140)	18,280	(18,520)	580	(620)	3.1	(3.2)
Kanawha	96,300	(96,880)	92,700	(93,100)	3,600	(3,780)	3.7	(3.9)
Lewis	6,780	(7,070)	6,210	(6,550)	570	(520)	8.4	(7.4)
Lincoln	7,090	(7,510)	6,420	(6,820)	680	(690)	9.5	(9.2)
Logan	12,800	(13,170)	11,720	(12,040)	1,080	(1,130)	8.4	(8.6)
McDowell	6,330	(6,700)	5,520	(5,800)	820	(900)	12.9	(13.4)
Marion	20,810	(21,060)	19,580	(19,820)	1,230	(1,240)	5.9	(5.9)
Marshall	14,230	(14,570)	13,630	(13,800)	610	(770)	4.3	(5.3)
Mason	8,320	(8,680)	7,660	(8,030)	660	(650)	8.0	(7.5)
Mercer	25,060	(25,490)	23,750	(24,100)	1,310	(1,400)	5.2	(5.5)
Mineral	10,410	(10,260)	9,860	(9,940)	560	(320)	5.3	(3.1)
Mingo	10,170	(10,710)	9,400	(9,870)	770	(840)	7.6	(7.8)
Monongalia	36,990	(37,080)	36,030	(36,040)	970	(1,040)	2.6	(2.8)
Monroe	4,990	(5,130)	4,810	(4,900)	180	(220)	3.6	(4.3)
Morgan	4,980	(5,130)	4,760	(4,850)	220	(280)	4.4	(5.5)
Nicholas	8,550	(8,760)	7,690	(7,890)	860	(860)	10.1	(9.9)
Ohio	23,860	(24,320)	23,090	(23,390)	770	(940)	3.2	(3.9)
Pendleton	3,970	(4,060)	3,880	(3,960)	80	(100)	2.1	(2.4)
Pleasants	2,230	(2,370)	2,060	(2,120)	180	(250)	7.9	(10.4)
Pocahontas	4,310	(4,500)	3,890	(4,110)	430	(390)	9.9	(8.7)
Preston	11,830	(11,880)	11,220	(11,230)	610	(650)	5.1	(5.5)
Putnam	16,350	(16,440)	15,550	(15,620)	800	(820)	4.9	(5.0)
Raleigh	26,490	(27,120)	24,830	(25,430)	1,660	(1,690)	6.3	(6.2)
Randolph	11,210	(11,660)	10,210	(10,460)	1,000	(1,190)	8.9	(10.2)
Ritchie	4,960	(5,240)	4,490	(4,660)	470	(580)	9.4	(11.1)
Roane	4,460	(4,660)	4,050	(4,220)	410	(440)	9.2	(9.4)
Summers	4,140	(4,280)	3,890	(4,030)	260	(250)	6.2	(5.8)
Taylor	5,540	(5,790)	5,210	(5,330)	330	(450)	5.9	(7.8)
Tucker	3,880	(4,120)	3,560	(3,770)	330	(350)	8.4	(8.4)
Tyler	4,520	(4,600)	4,230	(4,300)	290	(310)	6.4	(6.6)
Upshur	7,510	(7,820)	6,930	(7,160)	580	(660)	7.7	(8.4)
Wayne	15,110	(15,330)	14,340	(14,430)	770	(900)	5.1	(5.9)
Webster	2,960	(3,040)	2,520	(2,590)	430	(450)	14.6	(14.8)
Wetzel	8,800	(9,010)	8,260	(8,400)	540	(610)	6.1	(6.8)
Wirt	2,510	(2,600)	2,220	(2,340)	290	(260)	11.4	(10.0)
Wood	40,780	(40,680)	38,170	(38,540)	2,610	(2,140)	6.4	(5.3)
Wyoming	6,550	(7,070)	5,920	(6,390)	630	(690)	9.6	(9.7)

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*The West Virginia Division of Employment Security and the U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics use different methodologies in calculating the unemployment rate.

West Virginia Labor Force Statistics by County

*(BLS Series Labor Force Data – Using U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics Methodology)**

August 1990
(Revised July 1990 in parentheses)

APPROVED BY THE U. S. BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS TO ALLOCATE FEDERAL FUNDS AND DETERMINE ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

County	Civilian Labor Force		Employment		Unemployment		Unemployment As Percent of Civilian Labor Force	
Barbour	4,750	(4,720)	4,020	(4,160)	730	(570)	15.4	(12.0)
Berkeley	28,610	(28,790)	26,470	(26,950)	2,140	(1,840)	7.5	(6.4)
Boone	8,590	(8,680)	7,730	(7,980)	860	(700)	10.0	(8.1)
Braxton	5,890	(6,000)	5,330	(5,480)	570	(520)	9.7	(8.6)
Brooke	11,170	(11,240)	10,420	(10,530)	750	(710)	6.7	(6.4)
Cabell	45,350	(45,440)	42,320	(42,820)	3,030	(2,620)	6.7	(5.8)
Calhoun	3,250	(3,240)	2,790	(2,870)	460	(380)	14.1	(11.6)
Clay	2,980	(3,120)	2,530	(2,720)	450	(400)	15.2	(12.9)
Doddridge	2,560	(2,650)	2,300	(2,370)	260	(280)	10.3	(10.7)
Fayette	17,840	(18,140)	16,070	(16,580)	1,770	(1,560)	9.9	(8.6)
Gilmer	2,950	(3,060)	2,750	(2,870)	200	(190)	6.8	(6.3)
Grant	4,430	(4,420)	3,990	(4,090)	440	(320)	9.9	(7.3)
Greenbrier	15,810	(16,160)	14,450	(14,820)	1,360	(1,340)	8.6	(8.3)
Hampshire	7,310	(7,350)	6,570	(6,610)	740	(750)	10.1	(10.1)
Hancock	14,800	(14,860)	13,960	(14,100)	840	(760)	5.7	(5.1)
Hardy	6,120	(6,130)	5,840	(5,880)	290	(250)	4.7	(4.0)
Harrison	30,930	(31,320)	28,130	(28,980)	2,800	(2,340)	9.1	(7.5)
Jackson	9,810	(9,550)	8,700	(8,750)	1,120	(790)	11.4	(8.3)
Jefferson	20,360	(20,550)	19,360	(19,720)	1,010	(840)	4.9	(4.1)
Kanawha	104,360	(104,220)	98,150	(99,140)	6,210	(5,080)	5.9	(4.9)
Lewis	7,560	(7,680)	6,570	(6,980)	990	(700)	13.0	(9.2)
Lincoln	7,960	(8,190)	6,800	(7,260)	1,160	(930)	14.6	(11.4)
Logan	14,260	(14,350)	12,410	(12,820)	1,860	(1,520)	13.0	(10.6)
McDowell	7,240	(7,380)	5,840	(6,170)	1,400	(1,210)	19.4	(16.4)
Marion	22,850	(22,780)	20,730	(21,110)	2,120	(1,670)	9.3	(7.3)
Marshall	15,470	(15,740)	14,430	(14,700)	1,040	(1,040)	6.7	(6.6)
Mason	9,250	(9,430)	8,110	(8,550)	1,140	(880)	12.3	(9.3)
Mercer	27,400	(27,540)	25,150	(25,660)	2,250	(1,880)	8.2	(6.8)
Mineral	11,390	(11,010)	10,430	(10,580)	960	(430)	8.4	(3.9)
Mingo	11,280	(11,640)	9,950	(10,510)	1,330	(1,130)	11.8	(9.7)
Monongalia	39,810	(39,780)	38,150	(38,380)	1,660	(1,400)	4.2	(3.5)
Monroe	5,400	(5,520)	5,090	(5,220)	310	(300)	5.8	(5.4)
Morgan	5,410	(5,550)	5,040	(5,170)	380	(380)	7.0	(6.8)
Nicholas	9,630	(9,570)	8,140	(8,410)	1,490	(1,160)	15.4	(12.1)
Ohio	25,770	(26,170)	24,450	(24,900)	1,320	(1,260)	5.1	(4.8)
Pendleton	4,250	(4,350)	4,110	(4,220)	140	(130)	3.3	(3.0)
Pleasants	2,480	(2,590)	2,180	(2,260)	300	(330)	12.2	(12.8)
Pocahontas	4,850	(4,910)	4,120	(4,380)	730	(530)	15.1	(10.8)
Preston	12,930	(12,830)	11,880	(11,960)	1,040	(880)	8.1	(6.8)
Putnam	17,840	(17,730)	16,460	(16,630)	1,380	(1,100)	7.7	(6.2)
Raleigh	29,150	(29,350)	26,290	(27,080)	2,860	(2,280)	9.8	(7.8)
Randolph	12,530	(12,750)	10,820	(11,140)	1,720	(1,610)	13.7	(12.6)
Ritchie	5,560	(5,740)	4,750	(4,960)	800	(790)	14.5	(13.7)
Roane	4,990	(5,090)	4,290	(4,500)	700	(590)	14.1	(11.6)
Summers	4,560	(4,630)	4,110	(4,290)	450	(340)	9.8	(7.3)
Taylor	6,080	(6,290)	5,510	(5,680)	570	(610)	9.3	(9.7)
Tucker	4,330	(4,490)	3,770	(4,020)	560	(470)	12.9	(10.4)
Tyler	4,980	(4,990)	4,480	(4,570)	500	(410)	10.1	(8.2)
Upshur	8,340	(8,510)	7,340	(7,630)	1,000	(890)	12.0	(10.4)
Wayne	16,500	(16,580)	15,180	(15,360)	1,320	(1,220)	8.0	(7.3)
Webster	3,420	(3,360)	2,670	(2,760)	750	(600)	21.8	(18.0)
Wetzel	9,670	(9,770)	8,750	(8,940)	920	(830)	9.5	(8.4)
Wirt	2,840	(2,840)	2,350	(2,490)	490	(350)	17.3	(12.3)
Wood	44,910	(43,920)	40,420	(41,040)	4,490	(2,880)	10.0	(6.6)
Wyoming	7,350	(7,720)	6,270	(6,800)	1,090	(930)	14.8	(12.0)

All data have been revised to March 1989 benchmark.

*Calculated according to Current Population Survey adjusted to BLS procedures.

West Virginia Labor Force Statistics by Local Area

WV Series Labor Force Data
(In Thousands – Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Aug.'90	Revised July'90	Revised Aug.'89
Charleston MSA			
Labor Force	112.7	113.3	108.8
Unemployment	4.4	4.6	4.9
Rate (%)	3.9	4.1	4.5
Employment	108.2	108.7	103.9
Huntington - Ashland - Ironton MSA			
Labor Force	123.2	124.6	121.8
Unemployment	4.9	5.6	4.7
Rate (%)	4.0	4.5	3.8
Employment	118.3	118.9	117.1
Parkersburg - Marietta MSA			
Labor Force	69.5	69.4	68.0
Unemployment	3.7	3.1	2.6
Rate (%)	5.4	4.5	3.8
Employment	65.7	66.3	65.4
Wheeling - Bridgeport MSA			
Labor Force	68.1	69.4	67.8
Unemployment	2.1	2.5	2.5
Rate (%)	3.0	3.6	3.7
Employment	66.1	66.8	65.3
Clarksburg LMA			
Labor Force	36.0	37.2	36.2
Unemployment	2.1	2.4	2.3
Rate (%)	5.8	6.5	6.4
Employment	33.9	34.8	33.9
Gauley LMA			
Labor Force	11.5	11.8	12.2
Unemployment	1.3	1.3	1.3
Rate (%)	11.3	11.1	10.4
Employment	10.2	10.5	10.9
Morgantown - Kingwood LMA			
Labor Force	48.8	49.0	48.4
Unemployment	1.6	1.7	1.7
Rate (%)	3.2	3.5	3.5
Employment	47.3	47.3	46.7
New Martinsville LMA			
Labor Force	13.3	13.6	13.6
Unemployment	0.8	0.9	0.9
Rate (%)	6.2	6.7	6.6
Employment	12.5	12.7	12.7
Ronceverte - White Sulphur Springs LMA			
Labor Force	19.4	20.0	20.0
Unemployment	1.0	1.2	0.9
Rate (%)	5.0	6.1	4.4
Employment	18.5	18.8	19.1

BLS Series Labor Force Data
(In Thousands – Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Aug.'90	Revised July'90	Revised Aug.'89
Charleston MSA			
Labor Force	122.2	122.0	118.1
Unemployment	7.6	6.2	7.0
Rate (%)	6.2	5.1	5.9
Employment	114.6	115.8	111.2
Huntington - Ashland - Ironton MSA			
Labor Force	131.1	132.1	131.1
Unemployment	8.5	8.1	7.6
Rate (%)	6.4	6.1	5.8
Employment	122.6	124.0	123.5
Parkersburg - Marietta MSA			
Labor Force	75.3	73.9	73.6
Unemployment	6.4	4.4	4.1
Rate (%)	8.5	6.0	5.6
Employment	69.0	69.5	69.5
Wheeling - Bridgeport MSA			
Labor Force	72.8	73.6	73.3
Unemployment	3.5	3.6	3.9
Rate (%)	4.8	4.9	5.4
Employment	69.3	70.0	69.4
Clarksburg LMA			
Labor Force	39.6	40.3	39.5
Unemployment	3.6	3.2	3.3
Rate (%)	9.2	8.0	8.4
Employment	35.9	37.0	36.2
Gauley LMA			
Labor Force	13.0	12.9	13.5
Unemployment	2.2	1.8	1.9
Rate (%)	17.1	13.7	14.0
Employment	10.8	11.2	11.6
Morgantown - Kingwood LMA			
Labor Force	52.7	52.6	52.4
Unemployment	2.7	2.3	2.4
Rate (%)	5.1	4.3	4.6
Employment	50.0	50.3	50.0
New Martinsville LMA			
Labor Force	14.6	14.8	14.9
Unemployment	1.4	1.2	1.3
Rate (%)	9.7	8.4	8.6
Employment	13.2	13.5	13.6
Ronceverte - White Sulphur Springs LMA			
Labor Force	21.2	21.7	21.7
Unemployment	1.7	1.6	1.3
Rate (%)	7.9	7.5	5.8
Employment	19.5	20.0	20.4

Charleston Metropolitan Statistical Area

(Counties of Kanawha and Putnam, West Virginia)

HIGHLIGHTS

EMPLOYMENT: In the Charleston Metropolitan Statistical Area, total nonagricultural wage and salary employment decreased during August 1990 (-200). This overall decline resulted from a decrease in the government sector (-800), largely due to the end of the Governor's Summer Youth Program. All other major industries remained relatively unchanged. Comparison with year-ago August 1989 data reveals a significant increase of 6,200 jobs. In the goods-producing sector, construction advanced by 1,400. In the service-producing sector, services (+1,300) and retail trade (+1,000) increased over the year. However, the increase in transportation and public utilities (+1,400) resulted from the settlement of a labor-management dispute.

UNEMPLOYMENT: Total unemployment declined slightly during August 1990 (-200) in the Charleston MSA. The unemployment rate also fell slightly from 4.1 percent to 3.9 percent of the civilian labor force. Comparison with year-ago data reveals a 500 decrease in total unemployment, while the corresponding unemployment rate declined from 4.5 percent.

WV Series Labor Force Data
(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Aug.'90	Revised July'90	Revised Aug.'89
Labor Force	112.7	113.3	108.8
Unemployment	4.4	4.6	4.9
Rate (%)	3.9	4.1	4.5
Employment	108.2	108.7	103.9

BLS Series Labor Force Data
(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Aug.'90	Revised July'90	Revised Aug.'89
Labor Force	122.2	122.0	118.1
Unemployment	7.6	6.2	7.0
Rate (%)	6.2	5.1	5.9
Employment	114.6	115.8	111.2

NONAGRICULTURAL PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

	Prelim. Aug.'90	Revised July'90	Revised Aug.'89	Change From: July 1990	Change From: Aug. 1989
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL	113.7	113.9	107.5	-0.2	6.2
GOODS PRODUCING	18.6	18.4	16.8	0.2	1.8
Mining	2.1	2.0	1.9	0.1	0.2
Construction	5.5	5.3	4.1	0.2	1.4
Manufacturing	11.0	11.1	10.8	-0.1	0.2
Durable Goods	1.6	1.6	1.6	0.0	0.0
Nondurable Goods	9.4	9.5	9.2	-0.1	0.2
Chemical & Allied Products	7.9	8.0	7.9	-0.1	0.0
Other Nondurable Goods	1.5	1.5	1.3	0.0	0.2
SERVICE PRODUCING	95.1	95.5	90.7	-0.4	4.4
Transportation & Public Utilities	9.3	9.1	7.9	0.2	1.4
Trade	30.3	30.2	29.1	0.1	1.2
Wholesale Trade	7.4	7.4	7.2	0.0	0.2
Retail Trade	22.9	22.8	21.9	0.1	1.0
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	6.2	6.2	6.3	0.0	-0.1
Services	28.9	28.8	27.6	0.1	1.3
Health Services	10.8	10.9	10.5	-0.1	0.3
Government	20.4	21.2	19.8	-0.8	0.6
Federal	1.9	2.0	1.8	-0.1	0.1
State	9.7	10.6	9.7	-0.9	0.0
Local	8.8	8.6	8.3	0.2	0.5
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.1	0.1	1.1	xx	xx

Average Hours and Earnings of Production Workers in Manufacturing

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Prelim. Aug.'90	Revised July'90	Revised Aug.'89	Prelim. Aug.'90	Revised July'90	Revised Aug.'89	Prelim. Aug.'90	Revised July'90	Revised Aug.'89
Manufacturing	$595.76	$606.98	$563.21	44.0	44.5	42.7	$13.54	$13.64	$13.19
Nondurable Goods	625.68	635.55	592.11	44.0	44.6	43.0	14.22	14.25	13.77
Chemical & Allied Products	708.95	714.38	666.32	45.3	45.1	44.9	15.65	15.84	14.84

Huntington-Ashland-Ironton Metropolitan Statistical Area

(Counties of Cabell and Wayne, West Virginia;
Boyd, Carter and Greenup, Kentucky; Lawrence, Ohio)

HIGHLIGHTS

EMPLOYMENT: Nonagricultural wage and salary employment in the Huntington-Ashland-Ironton Metropolitan Statistical Area decreased by 700 during August 1990. The goods-producing industries increased by only 100, while the service -producing sector declined by 800. The seasonal decrease in state government was the driving force behind the overall decline. Retail trade increased by 200 over the month.

UNEMPLOYMENT: The unemployment rate in the Huntington-Ashland-Ironton Metropolitan Statistical Area fell by .5 percent from 4.5 to 4.0 percent during August 1990. The August 1989 rate (3.8) was slightly below the current figure.

WV Series Labor Force Data
(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Aug.'90	Revised July'90	Revised Aug.'89
Labor Force	123.2	124.6	121.8
Unemployment	4.9	5.6	4.7
Rate (%)	4.0	4.5	3.8
Employment	118.3	118.9	117.1

BLS Series Labor Force Data
(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Aug.'90	Revised July'90	Revised Aug.'89
Labor Force	131.1	132.1	131.1
Unemployment	8.5	8.1	7.6
Rate (%)	6.4	6.1	5.8
Employment	122.6	124.0	123.5

NONAGRICULTURAL PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

	Prelim. Aug.'90	Revised July'90	Revised Aug.'89	Change From: July 1990	Aug. 1989
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL	110.0	110.7	108.3	-0.7	1.7
GOODS PRODUCING	27.8	27.7	27.4	0.1	0.4
Mining	1.7	1.6	1.5	0.1	0.2
Construction	5.5	5.5	5.1	0.0	0.4
Manufacturing	20.6	20.6	20.8	0.0	-0.2
Durable Goods	12.1	12.1	12.2	0.0	-0.1
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	1.6	1.7	1.7	-0.1	-0.1
Primary Metals Industries	7.8	7.7	7.8	0.1	0.0
Other Durable Goods	2.7	2.7	2.7	0.0	0.0
Nondurable Goods	8.5	8.5	8.6	0.0	-0.1
Apparel & Other Textile Products	1.5	1.5	1.7	0.0	-0.2
Chemical & Allied Products	4.6	4.6	4.6	0.0	0.0
Other Nondurable Goods	2.4	2.4	2.3	0.0	0.1
SERVICE PRODUCING	82.2	83.0	80.9	-0.8	1.3
Transportation & Public Utilities	8.1	8.1	7.9	0.0	0.2
Trade	28.5	28.3	27.5	0.2	1.0
Wholesale Trade	5.5	5.5	5.5	0.0	0.0
Retail Trade	23.0	22.8	22.0	0.2	1.0
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	3.9	3.9	3.8	0.0	0.1
Services	24.5	24.6	24.2	-0.1	0.3
Health Services	10.2	10.3	10.1	-0.1	0.1
Government	17.2	18.1	17.5	-0.9	-0.3
Federal	3.0	3.1	2.8	-0.1	0.2
State	3.8	4.5	3.9	-0.7	-0.1
Local	10.4	10.5	10.8	-0.1	-0.4
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.2	xx	xx

Average Hours and Earnings of Production Workers in Manufacturing

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Prelim. Aug.'90	Revised July'90	Revised Aug.'89	Prelim. Aug.'90	Revised July'90	Revised Aug.'89	Prelim. Aug.'90	Revised July'90	Revised Aug.'89
Manufacturing	$554.53	$549.86	$525.97	41.6	40.7	40.9	$13.33	$13.51	$12.86
Durable Goods	599.42	595.40	552.08	43.0	41.9	41.2	13.94	14.21	13.40
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	545.67	483.69	482.16	43.0	37.7	42.0	12.69	12.83	11.48
Primary Metals Industries	661.57	660.45	599.78	43.9	42.5	40.2	15.07	15.54	14.92
Nondurable Goods	486.98	483.21	487.62	39.4	39.0	40.5	12.36	12.39	12.04

Parkersburg-Marietta Metropolitan Statistical Area

(Counties of Wood, West Virginia; Washington, Ohio)

HIGHLIGHTS

EMPLOYMENT: Total nonagricultural wage and salary employment in the Parkersburg-Marietta MSA was characterized by a reduction of 600 jobs during August 1990. Goods-producing and service-producing employment shared equally in the decline by recording losses of 300 each. Within goods-producing employment, manufacturing registered a decrease (-200) while construction dipped (-100) slightly. Service-producing employment declines were noted in trade (-100), finance, insurance and real estate (-100), and government (-200). Services provided the sole increase (+100). Comparison to year-ago data reveals growth in total nonagricultural wage and salary employment of 800. Service-producing businesses added 1,000 jobs to overshadow a 200 job reduction in goods-producing industries. Most notable advances within the service-producing sector were delivered by trade (+300), finance, insurance and real estate (+100) and services (+400). Manufacturing endured the single loss (-200) within goods-producing employment while mining and construction remain unchanged.

UNEMPLOYMENT: Total unemployment for the Parkersburg-Marietta MSA rose 600 during August 1990. The unemployment rate for the area increased as well to 5.4 percent.

WV Series Labor Force Data
(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Aug.'90	Revised July'90	Revised Aug.'89
Labor Force	69.5	69.4	68.0
Unemployment	3.7	3.1	2.6
Rate (%)	5.4	4.5	3.8
Employment	65.7	66.3	65.4

BLS Series Labor Force Data
(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Aug.'90	Revised July'90	Revised Aug.'89
Labor Force	75.3	73.9	73.6
Unemployment	6.4	4.4	4.1
Rate (%)	8.5	6.0	5.6
Employment	69.0	69.5	69.5

NONAGRICULTURAL PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

	Prelim. Aug.'90	Revised July'90	Revised Aug.'89	Change From: July 1990	Aug. 1989
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL	62.1	62.7	61.3	-0.6	0.8
GOODS PRODUCING	18.0	18.3	18.2	-0.3	-0.2
Mining	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.0	0.0
Construction	3.3	3.4	3.3	-0.1	0.0
Manufacturing	14.2	14.4	14.4	-0.2	-0.2
Durable Goods	7.0	7.1	7.1	-0.1	-0.1
Lumber, Wood Products & Furniture	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	1.8	1.8	1.8	0.0	0.0
Primary Metals Industries	2.7	2.8	2.9	-0.1	-0.2
Other Durable Goods	1.5	1.5	1.4	0.0	0.1
Nondurable Goods	7.2	7.3	7.3	-0.1	-0.1
Chemical & Allied Products	5.4	5.5	5.5	-0.1	-0.1
Other Nondurable Goods	1.8	1.8	1.8	0.0	0.0
SERVICE PRODUCING	44.1	44.4	43.1	-0.3	1.0
Transportation & Public Utilities	2.6	2.6	2.4	0.0	0.2
Trade	15.5	15.6	15.2	-0.1	0.3
Wholesale Trade	2.9	2.9	3.0	0.0	-0.1
Retail Trade	12.6	12.7	12.2	-0.1	0.4
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	2.2	2.3	2.1	-0.1	0.1
Services	14.7	14.6	14.3	0.1	0.4
Health Services	4.6	4.6	4.4	0.0	0.2
Government	9.1	9.3	9.1	-0.2	0.0
Federal	1.8	1.8	1.8	0.0	0.0
State	1.0	1.2	1.0	-0.2	0.0
Local	6.3	6.3	6.3	0.0	0.0
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.2	xx	xx

Average Hours and Earnings of Production Workers in Manufacturing

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Prelim. Aug.'90	Revised July'90	Revised Aug.'89	Prelim. Aug.'90	Revised July'90	Revised Aug.'89	Prelim. Aug.'90	Revised July'90	Revised Aug.'89
Manufacturing	$541.52	$549.38	$546.88	40.9	41.4	42.1	$13.24	$13.27	$12.99
Durable Goods	464.52	482.38	466.16	39.2	39.8	40.5	11.85	12.12	11.51
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	601.59	625.59	553.93	44.3	45.3	44.6	13.58	13.81	12.42
Primary Metals Industries	423.03	453.96	461.34	35.4	36.0	37.8	11.95	12.61	12.21
Nondurable Goods	629.16	627.42	639.62	42.8	43.3	43.9	14.70	14.49	14.57

Wheeling-Bridgeport Metropolitan Statistical Area

(Counties of Marshall and Ohio, West Virginia; Belmont, Ohio)

HIGHLIGHTS

EMPLOYMENT: Total nonagricultural wage and salary employment fell by 700 during August 1990 in the Wheeling-Bridgeport MSA. A large portion of this drop can be attributed to the government sector (-500) in the form of the Governor's Summer Youth Program (seasonal) and census workers. Durable goods, and trade declined slightly by 100 each. Comparison to year-ago August 1989 reveals an increase in total nonagricultural employment of 1,100. The major contributor to this increase was retail trade (+600), mining (+300), and construction (+200).

UNEMPLOYMENT: Total unemployment decreased by 400 over the month, while the year-ago figure fell by a like number. The MSA unemployment rate declined to 3.0 percent of the civilian labor force during August 1990. The current rate is also well below the year-ago rate of 3.7 percent.

WV Series Labor Force Data
(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Aug.'90	Revised July'90	Revised Aug.'89
Labor Force	68.1	69.4	67.8
Unemployment	2.1	2.5	2.5
Rate (%)	3.0	3.6	3.7
Employment	66.1	66.8	65.3

BLS Series Labor Force Data
(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Aug.'90	Revised July'90	Revised Aug.'89
Labor Force	72.8	73.6	73.3
Unemployment	3.5	3.6	3.9
Rate (%)	4.8	4.9	5.4
Employment	69.3	70.0	69.4

NONAGRICULTURAL PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

	Prelim. Aug.'90	Revised July'90	Revised Aug.'89	Change From: July 1990	Change From: Aug. 1989
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL	61.4	62.1	60.3	-0.7	1.1
GOODS PRODUCING	12.4	12.5	11.9	-0.1	0.5
Mining	2.5	2.5	2.2	0.0	0.3
Construction	2.4	2.4	2.2	0.0	0.2
Manufacturing	7.5	7.6	7.5	-0.1	0.0
Durable Goods	3.1	3.2	3.2	-0.1	-0.1
Nondurable Goods	4.4	4.4	4.3	0.0	0.1
SERVICE PRODUCING	49.0	49.6	48.4	-0.6	0.6
Transportation & Public Utilities	3.5	3.5	3.3	0.0	0.2
Trade	17.1	17.2	16.6	-0.1	0.5
Wholesale Trade	2.9	2.9	3.0	0.0	-0.1
Retail Trade	14.2	14.3	13.6	-0.1	0.6
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	3.1	3.1	3.0	0.0	0.1
Services	16.5	16.5	16.6	0.0	-0.1
Health Services	7.8	7.8	7.8	0.0	0.0
Government	8.8	9.3	8.9	-0.5	-0.1
Federal	0.7	0.8	0.7	-0.1	0.0
State	1.4	1.7	1.4	-0.3	0.0
Local	6.7	6.8	6.8	-0.1	-0.1
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.0	xx	xx

Average Hours and Earnings of Production Workers in Manufacturing

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Prelim. Aug.'90	Revised July'90	Revised Aug.'89	Prelim. Aug.'90	Revised July'90	Revised Aug.'89	Prelim. Aug.'90	Revised July'90	Revised Aug.'89
Manufacturing	$563.37	$552.38	$558.45	41.7	41.1	41.8	$13.51	$13.44	$13.36
Nondurable Goods	629.14	605.47	617.61	41.5	40.8	42.1	15.16	14.84	14.67
Durable Goods	488.14	495.56	492.66	41.9	41.4	41.4	11.65	11.97	11.90

Applicants and Nonagricultural Job Openings in West Virginia Job Service Offices

Occupational Category	Applicants Available Program Year to Date 2/	Active File	NONAGRICULTURAL JOB OPENINGS Received Program Year to Date 2/	UNFILLED Total	UNFILLED 30 Days or More	FILLED Total	Applicant/ Openings Program Year to Date	Active File/ Unfilled Openings End of Month
TOTAL 3/	73,935	46,526	15,549	4,072	2,315	12,319	4.8	11.4
Professional, Technical & Managerial	7,071	4,848	265	214	111	87	26.7	22.7
Clerical & Sales	20,555	13,134	2,211	1,199	709	1,517	9.3	11.0
Services	9,141	5,431	1,589	804	356	825	5.8	6.8
Agricultural, Fishery & Forestry	548	328	45	21	4	27	12.2	15.6
Processing	4,146	2,640	155	82	55	146	26.7	32.2
Machine Trades	4,843	3,331	345	300	176	77	14.0	11.1
Benchwork	3,144	2,088	381	252	177	189	8.3	8.3
Structural Work	11,283	7,504	643	450	247	276	17.5	16.7
Miscellaneous	14,576	8,073	9,915	750	480	9,175	1.5	10.8
Transportation	3,117	2,187	190	115	67	92	16.4	19.0
Packaging & Materials Handling	9,893	4,741	9,640	595	389	9,009	1.0	8.0
Other 4/	1,566	1,145	85	40	24	74	18.4	28.6
Entry Total 5/	64	38	0	0	0	6/	xx	xx

1/ Source of Data: SAMS (State Employment Security Automated Management System); Table A96 containing fully registered applicants.
2/ Period Covered: July 1, 1990 through August 31, 1990. Program Year 1990 defined as July 1, 1990 through June 30, 1991.
3/ Total excludes invalid occupational data.
4/ Includes mining, logging, utilities, miscellaneous amusement and recreation, and graphic art work.
5/ Applicants for whom a complete occupational code cannot be assigned because of lack of training/experience.

Select Unemployment Compensation Claims Activities

State UI Program Activity	August 1990	July 1990	August 1989	Percent Change to August 1990 from: July 1990	August 1989
Total Initial Claims 1/	7,045	7,455	6,845	-5.5	2.9
Total Continued Weeks	57,629	65,131	64,706	-11.5	-10.9
Total Benefits Paid	$6,709,334	$7,397,275	$7,644,655	-9.3	-12.2
Total Weeks Compensated	47,747	53,153	54,890	-10.2	-13.0
Average Weekly Payment	$140.52	$139.17	$139.27	1.0	0.9
Monthly Insured Unemployment Rate 2/	2.2	2.5	2.5	xx	xx
UC Fund Balance, End of Month	$161,566,870	$157,105,013	$150,481,261	2.8	7.4

1/ Excluding transitional claims.
2/ Seasonally unadjusted.

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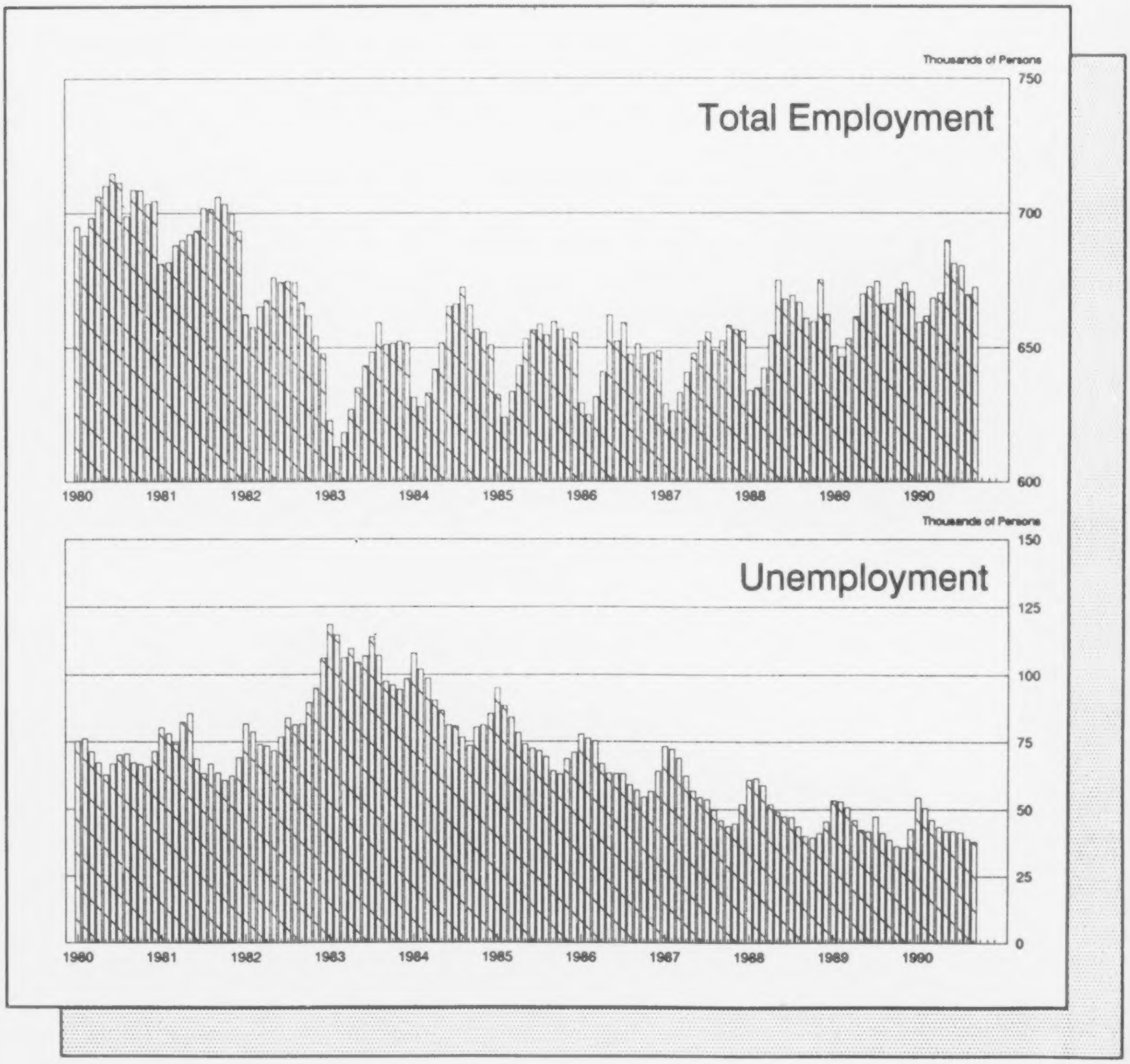

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West Virginia Economic Indicators

	Sept. 1990	August 1990	Sept. 1989
Average Weekly Hours in Manufacturing			
Unadjusted	41.1	40.7	40.7
Seasonally Adjusted	41.2	40.9	40.8
Total Production Worker Hours in Manufacturing (000), Weekly, Unadjusted	2,688	2,698	2,732
Average Weekly Earnings in Manufacturing, Unadjusted	$476.76	$469.68	$461.13
Average Weekly Hours in Bituminous Coal Mining, Unadjusted	45.4	43.1	43.7
Average Weekly Earnings in Bituminous Coal Mining, Unadjusted	$812.66	$762.87	$786.60
Coal Production (000 Tons)			
Unadjusted	13,377	14,684	12,503
Seasonally Adjusted	12,837	13,827	11,998
Commercial and Industrial Electric Power Sales (000,000 KWH)			
Unadjusted	1,147	1,147	1,121
Seasonally Adjusted	1,144	1,140	1,118
New Motor Vehicle Registrations, Unadjusted	6,149	6,941	7,780
Interstate Initial Claims			
Unadjusted	927	934	654
Seasonally Adjusted	1,179	989	832
Average Weekly Initial Claims			
Unadjusted	1,348	1,532	1,150
Seasonally Adjusted	1,876	1,713	1,600
Insured Unemployment Rate			
Unadjusted	2.2	2.2	2.0
Seasonally Adjusted	3.0	2.8	2.7
Total Unemployment Rate, Seasonally Adjusted (WV Series)	6.2	6.0	6.3

NOTE: Data for prior month and year may be revised from previously published figures.

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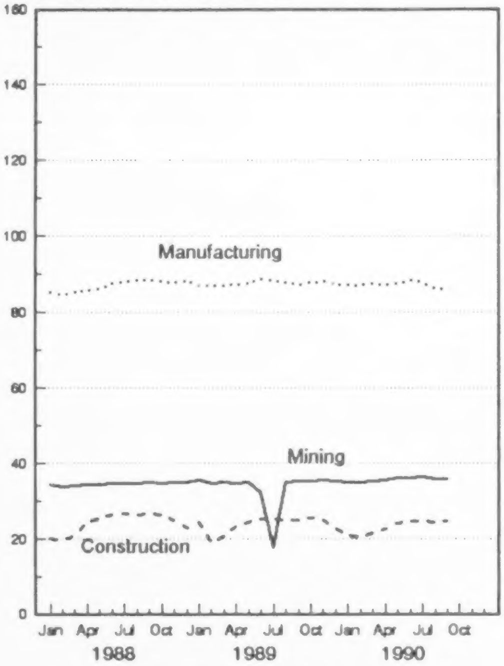
Selected National Data

	Sept. 1990	Aug. 1990	Sept. 1989
Civilian Unemployment Rate			
Unadjusted	5.4	5.4	5.1
Seasonally Adjusted	5.7	5.6	5.3
Consumer Price Index, All Urban Consumers			
Unadjusted			
1982-84 Base	132.7	131.6	125.0
1967 Base	397.5	394.1	374.6
Producer Price Index, Finished Goods Unadjusted, 1982 Base	120.3	119.2	113.6
Initial Claims for Unemployment Insurance (000) Week including 12th, Unadjusted	322.9	313.6	269.6
Insured Unemployment Rate, Week including 12th			
Unadjusted	2.0	2.2	1.8
Seasonally Adjusted	2.4	2.4	2.1

Trends in the West Virginia Labor Market

Goods Producing Employment

Employment in Thousands



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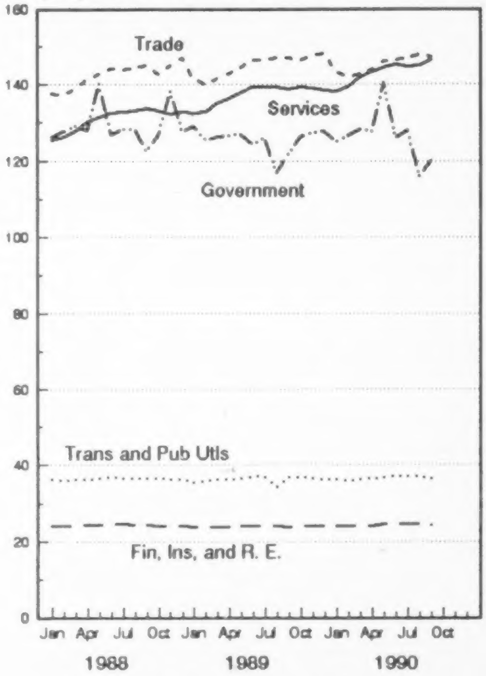
Employment in Thousands



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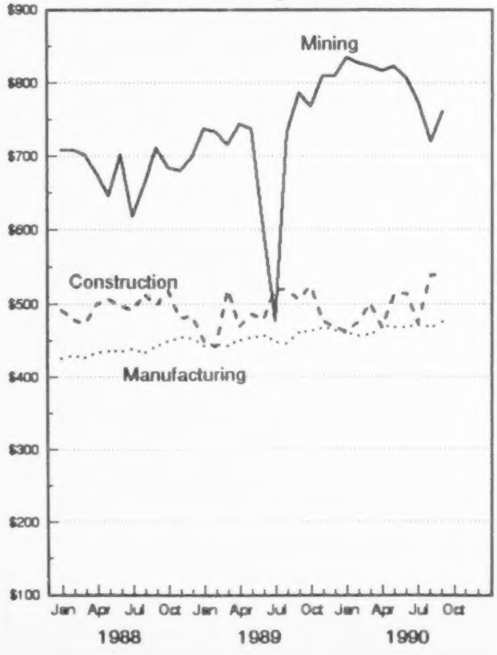
Goods Producing Industries



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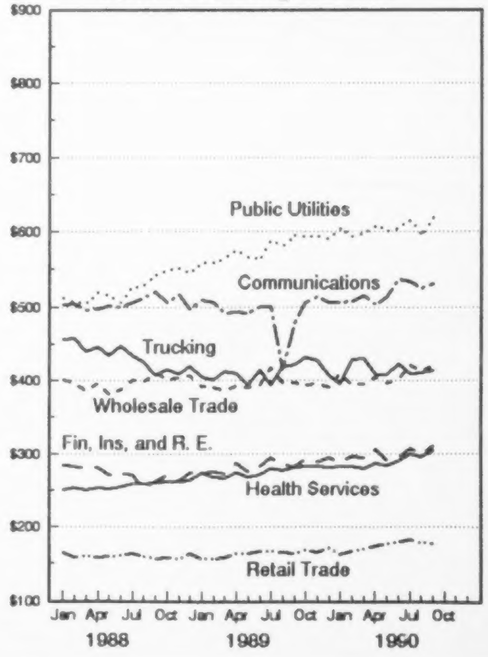


Total Employment, Unemployment, and Civilian Labor Force In West Virginia

WV Series Labor Force Data (In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)	Prelim. Sep.'90	Revised Aug.'90	Revised Sep.'89	Change From: Aug. 1990	Sep. 1989
Civilian Labor Force	710.6	708.5	704.7	2.1	5.9
Total Employment	672.4	669.5	666.2	2.9	6.2
Total Unemployment	38.1	39.0	38.5	-0.9	-0.4
Unemployment Rate	5.4	5.5	5.5	xx	xx
BLS Series Labor Force Data (In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)					
Civilian Labor Force	764.8	776.1	766.7	-11.3	-1.9
Total Employment	696.0	708.8	701.0	-12.8	-5.0
Total Unemployment	68.8	67.2	65.7	1.6	3.1
Unemployment Rate	9.0	8.7	8.6	xx	xx

EMPLOYMENT: Total employment increased 2,900 during the month to an estimated 672,400 in mid-September. A comparison with year-ago figures shows that there were 6,200 more people employed in West Virginia this September than in September of last year.

Employment on nonagricultural payrolls grew 3,600 between August and September. Construction gained 200, mining dipped by 100 and manufacturing recorded a loss of 800, although half of the manufacturing decline was due to a labor-management dispute in stone, clay and glass which has since been settled. Ongoing modest declines have been occurring in several manufacturing industries, however. Seasonal gains at schools were the dominant force behind job increases of 2,400 in state government, 3,100 in local government and 1,000 in private sector education, while the end of summer caused employment slowdowns in tourism (amusements -400, restaurants -600, hotels -100) and home improvement activities (building materials stores -300, special trade contractors -200). Trade jobs were down 600 due to the seasonal factors mentioned above despite an increase of 300 in general merchandise stores. The finance, insurance and real estate sector lost 200 due to contractions in finance employment, while the transportation and public utilities industries experienced scattered small losses that accumulated to -400 overall. Social services, which includes sheltered workshops with a seasonal pattern similar to schools, added 900.

Compared with September of last year, nonagricultural payroll employment has added 5,100 jobs. The improvements have been centered in the service-producing industries, which are up 6,400 since last year, while the goods-producing sector is lower by 1,300 since September a year ago.

UNEMPLOYMENT: The number of unemployed state residents declined 900 to an estimated 38,100 in mid-September. The unemployment rate for September was 5.4 percent, the lowest September rate since 1979.

Average Hours and Earnings, West Virginia Production Workers, Select Industries

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Prelim. Sep.'90	Revised Aug.'90	Revised Sep.'89	Prelim. Sep.'90	Revised Aug.'90	Revised Sep.'89	Prelim. Sep.'90	Revised Aug.'90	Revised Sep.'89
Manufacturing	$476.76	$469.68	$461.13	41.1	40.7	40.7	$11.60	$11.54	$11.33
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	461.03	463.10	427.97	40.3	40.2	39.7	11.44	11.52	10.78
Primary Metals Industries	630.02	612.47	583.67	43.6	42.8	41.9	14.45	14.31	13.93
Fabricated Metal Products	433.01	404.25	392.17	39.4	38.5	37.6	10.99	10.50	10.43
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	464.88	447.68	452.28	39.0	38.1	39.5	11.92	11.75	11.45
Electronic & Electrical Equipment	490.34	502.62	478.23	39.8	41.3	40.7	12.32	12.17	11.75
Chemical & Allied Products	697.32	692.87	709.54	44.5	44.5	45.6	15.67	15.57	15.56
Coal Mining	812.66	762.87	786.60	45.4	43.1	43.7	17.90	17.70	18.00
Construction	537.99	539.20	506.97	38.9	40.0	38.7	13.83	13.48	13.10

Statewide Nonagricultural Payroll Employment by Industry

(In Thousands – Not Seasonally Adjusted)

September 1990

	Prelim. Sep.'90	Revised Aug.'90	Revised Sep.'89	Change From: Aug. 1990	Sep. 1989
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL	622.0	618.4	616.9	3.6	5.1
GOODS PRODUCING	146.4	147.1	147.7	-0.7	-1.3
Mining	35.9	36.0	35.4	-0.1	0.5
Coal Mining	30.3	30.4	29.7	-0.1	0.6
Oil & Gas Extraction	4.5	4.5	4.6	0.0	-0.1
Other Mining	1.1	1.1	1.1	0.0	0.0
Construction	24.7	24.5	25.0	0.2	-0.3
General Building Contractors	6.4	6.2	6.9	0.2	-0.5
Heavy Construction	7.1	6.9	6.3	0.2	0.8
Special Trade Contractors	11.2	11.4	11.8	-0.2	-0.6
Manufacturing	85.8	86.6	87.3	-0.8	-1.5
Durable Goods	47.7	48.4	49.7	-0.7	-2.0
Lumber, Wood Products & Furniture	7.5	7.6	7.6	-0.1	-0.1
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	7.7	8.1	8.2	-0.4	-0.5
Primary Metals Industries	14.6	14.7	15.1	-0.1	-0.5
Fabricated Metal Products	5.0	5.1	5.1	-0.1	-0.1
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	5.5	5.6	5.9	-0.1	-0.4
Electronic & Electrical Equipment	2.5	2.5	2.6	0.0	-0.1
Transportation Equipment	2.5	2.4	2.7	0.1	-0.2
Other Durable Goods	2.4	2.4	2.5	0.0	-0.1
Nondurable Goods	38.1	38.2	37.6	-0.1	0.5
Food & Kindred Products	4.5	4.5	4.1	0.0	0.4
Textile Mill Products	0.9	0.8	0.9	0.1	0.0
Apparel & Other Textile Products	4.1	4.1	4.3	0.0	-0.2
Paper & Allied Products	1.1	1.1	1.2	0.0	-0.1
Printing & Publishing	5.0	5.1	4.9	-0.1	0.1
Chemical & Allied Products	18.0	18.1	17.8	-0.1	0.2
Other Nondurable Goods	4.5	4.5	4.4	0.0	0.1
SERVICE PRODUCING	475.6	471.3	469.2	4.3	6.4
Transportation & Public Utilities	36.8	37.2	37.0	-0.4	-0.2
Railroad Transportation	3.9	4.0	4.1	-0.1	-0.2
Trucking & Warehousing	8.9	9.0	9.1	-0.1	-0.2
Other Transportation	3.5	3.5	3.4	0.0	0.1
Communications	8.1	8.2	8.1	-0.1	0.0
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	12.4	12.5	12.3	-0.1	0.1
Trade	147.5	148.1	147.2	-0.6	0.3
Wholesale Trade	30.6	30.6	30.7	0.0	-0.1
Retail Trade	116.9	117.5	116.5	-0.6	0.4
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	5.3	5.6	5.3	-0.3	0.0
General Merchandise Stores	16.5	16.2	18.2	0.3	-1.7
Food Stores	22.9	22.8	23.1	0.1	-0.2
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	14.8	14.8	14.8	0.0	0.0
Apparel & Accessory Stores	6.5	6.7	5.2	-0.2	1.3
Home Furniture & Equipment Stores	4.8	4.7	4.7	0.1	0.1
Eating & Drinking Places	35.3	35.9	34.3	-0.6	1.0
Miscellaneous Retail	10.8	10.8	10.9	0.0	-0.1
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	24.5	24.7	24.0	-0.2	0.5
Finance	13.7	13.9	13.6	-0.2	0.1
Insurance	6.6	6.6	6.3	0.0	0.3
Real Estate	4.2	4.2	4.1	0.0	0.1
Services	146.7	145.2	139.0	1.5	7.7
Agricultural Services	2.7	2.7	2.1	0.0	0.6
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	9.2	9.3	8.4	-0.1	0.8
Personal Services	6.0	5.9	6.3	0.1	-0.3
Business Services	13.8	13.8	13.2	0.0	0.6
Automotive & Miscellaneous Repair Services	6.0	6.1	5.7	-0.1	0.3
Amusements, incl. Motion Pictures	6.4	6.8	6.6	-0.4	-0.2
Health Services	55.8	55.6	52.9	0.2	2.9
Nursing & Personal Care Homes	10.3	10.3	9.7	0.0	0.6
Hospitals	28.3	28.2	26.9	0.1	1.4
Other Health Services	17.2	17.1	16.3	0.1	0.9
Legal Services	4.0	4.0	3.6	0.0	0.4
Educational Services	4.8	3.8	4.4	1.0	0.4
Social Services	9.7	8.8	8.3	0.9	1.4
Membership Organizations	19.7	19.7	19.5	0.0	0.2
Engineering & Management Services	7.6	7.7	7.0	-0.1	0.6
Government	120.1	116.1	122.0	4.0	-1.9
Federal	15.6	16.0	16.3	-0.4	-0.7
Hospitals	2.9	2.9	2.9	0.0	0.0
U S Postal Service	4.9	5.0	5.2	-0.1	-0.3
Other Federal	7.8	8.1	8.2	-0.3	-0.4
State	36.7	34.7	36.5	2.0	0.2
Hospitals	2.7	2.8	2.9	-0.1	-0.2
Education	15.1	12.7	14.4	2.4	0.7
Other State	18.9	19.2	19.2	-0.3	-0.3
Local	67.8	65.4	69.2	2.4	-1.4
Hospitals	4.9	4.9	4.8	0.0	0.1
Education	43.2	40.1	44.1	3.1	-0.9
Other Local	19.7	20.4	20.3	-0.7	-0.6
Total Private Sector	501.9	502.3	494.9	-0.4	7.0
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.7	0.3	0.7	xx	xx

Women Workers
Statewide Nonagricultural Payroll Employment by Industry

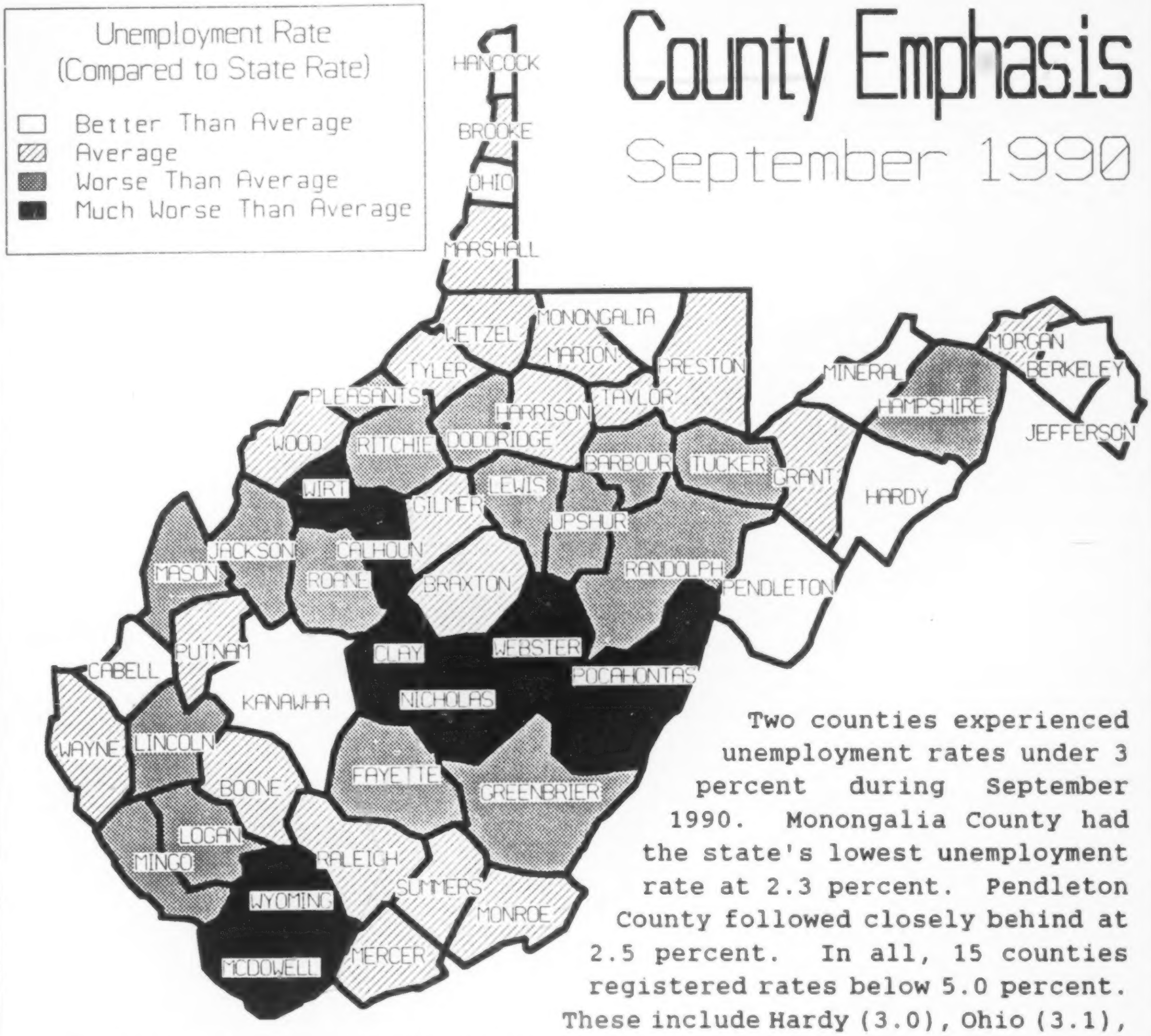
(In Thousands – Not Seasonally Adjusted)

September 1990

				Change From:	
	Prelim. Sep.'90	Revised Aug.'90	Revised Sep.'89	Aug. 1990	Sep. 1989
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL	271.1	266.9	253.7	4.2	17.4
GOODS PRODUCING	23.9	24.2	23.5	-0.3	0.4
Mining	2.1	2.0	1.9	0.1	0.2
Coal Mining	1.2	1.1	1.0	0.1	0.2
Oil & Gas Extraction	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.0	0.0
Construction	2.0	2.0	1.8	0.0	0.2
General Building Contractors	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.0	0.0
Heavy Construction	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.0	0.1
Special Trade Contractors	1.1	1.1	1.0	0.0	0.1
Manufacturing	19.8	20.2	19.8	-0.4	0.0
Durable Goods	7.7	7.9	7.9	-0.2	-0.2
Lumber, Wood Products & Furniture	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.0	0.0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	2.3	2.4	2.4	-0.1	-0.1
Primary Metals Industries	1.1	1.1	1.1	0.0	0.0
Fabricated Metal Products	0.7	0.8	0.8	-0.1	-0.1
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.0	-0.1
Electronic & Electrical Equipment	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.0	0.0
Transportation Equipment	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.0	0.0
Other Durable Goods	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.0	0.1
Nondurable Goods	12.1	12.3	11.9	-0.2	0.2
Food & Kindred Products	1.2	1.2	0.9	0.0	0.3
Textile Mill Products	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.0	0.0
Apparel & Other Textile Products	3.4	3.4	3.5	0.0	-0.1
Paper & Allied Products	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.0	-0.1
Printing & Publishing	1.8	1.9	1.7	-0.1	0.1
Chemical & Allied Products	3.0	3.1	2.9	-0.1	0.1
Other Nondurable Goods	1.7	1.7	1.8	0.0	-0.1
SERVICE PRODUCING	247.2	242.7	230.2	4.5	17.0
Transportation & Public Utilities	7.9	8.0	7.7	-0.1	0.2
Trucking & Warehousing	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.0	0.1
Other Transportation	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.0	0.1
Communications	3.5	3.6	3.6	-0.1	-0.1
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	2.4	2.4	2.3	0.0	0.1
Trade	68.0	67.5	60.9	0.5	7.1
Wholesale Trade	5.7	5.6	5.3	0.1	0.4
Retail Trade	62.3	61.9	55.6	0.4	6.7
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	0.9	0.9	0.7	0.0	0.2
General Merchandise Stores	11.1	10.6	10.4	0.5	0.7
Food Stores	11.7	11.6	10.2	0.1	1.5
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	3.5	3.4	3.1	0.1	0.4
Apparel & Accessory Stores	5.5	5.5	4.2	0.0	1.3
Home Furniture & Equipment Stores	1.6	1.6	1.5	0.0	0.1
Eating & Drinking Places	20.0	20.3	18.1	-0.3	1.9
Miscellaneous Retail	8.0	8.0	7.4	0.0	0.6
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	15.1	15.3	15.1	-0.2	0.0
Finance	10.5	10.6	9.8	-0.1	0.7
Insurance	3.0	3.0	3.4	0.0	-0.4
Real Estate	1.6	1.7	1.9	-0.1	-0.3
Services	93.5	92.5	87.0	1.0	6.5
Agricultural Services	1.1	1.1	0.8	0.0	0.3
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	4.8	4.9	3.8	-0.1	1.0
Personal Services	3.6	3.5	3.2	0.1	0.4
Business Services	6.9	6.5	6.0	0.4	0.9
Automotive & Miscellaneous Repair Services	1.1	1.1	1.2	0.0	-0.1
Amusements, incl. Motion Pictures	3.0	3.2	2.7	-0.2	0.3
Health Services	45.4	45.4	42.9	0.0	2.5
Nursing & Personal Care Homes	8.9	8.9	7.4	0.0	1.5
Hospitals	22.9	22.9	22.0	0.0	0.9
Other Health Services	13.6	13.6	13.5	0.0	0.1
Legal Services	3.2	3.1	2.8	0.1	0.4
Educational Services	2.8	2.1	2.5	0.7	0.3
Social Services	6.7	6.1	5.9	0.6	0.8
Membership Organizations	11.4	12.0	11.7	-0.6	-0.3
Engineering & Management Services	2.8	2.8	2.9	0.0	-0.1
Government	62.7	59.4	59.5	3.3	3.2
Federal	6.6	6.8	6.8	-0.2	-0.2
Hospitals	1.6	1.6	1.6	0.0	0.0
U S Postal Service	1.3	1.3	1.3	0.0	0.0
Other Federal	3.7	3.9	3.9	-0.2	-0.2
State	16.8	15.8	16.0	1.0	0.8
Hospitals	1.9	1.9	2.0	0.0	-0.1
Education	7.7	6.5	6.2	1.2	1.5
Other State	7.2	7.4	7.8	-0.2	-0.6
Local	39.3	36.8	36.7	2.5	2.6
Hospitals	4.1	4.1	3.9	0.0	0.2
Education	28.4	25.6	26.1	2.8	2.3
Other Local	6.8	7.1	6.7	-0.3	0.1
Total Private Sector	208.4	207.5	194.2	0.9	14.2

County Emphasis

September 1990


Unemployment Rate
(Compared to State Rate)
☐ Better Than Average
▨ Average
▩ Worse Than Average
■ Much Worse Than Average
HANCOCK
BROOKE
OHIO
MARSHALL
WETZEL
MONONGALIA
MARION
PRESTON
TYLER
PLEASANTS
HARRISON
TAYLOR
MINERAL
MORGAN
BERKELEY
HAMPSHIRE
JEFFERSON
WOOD
RITCHIE
DODDRIDGE
BARBOUR
TUCKER
GRANT
HARDY
WIRT
GILMER
LEWIS
UPSHUR
JACKSON
CALHOUN
MASON
ROANE
BRAXTON
RANDOLPH
PENDLETON
PUTNAM
CABELL
CLAY
WEBSTER
POCAHONTAS
KANAWHA
NICHOLAS
WAYNE
LINCOLN
BOONE
FAYETTE
GREENBRIER
LOGAN
MINGO
RALEIGH
SUMMERS
WYOMING
MONROE
MCDOWELL
MERCER

Two counties experienced unemployment rates under 3 percent during September 1990. Monongalia County had the state's lowest unemployment rate at 2.3 percent. Pendleton County followed closely behind at 2.5 percent. In all, 15 counties registered rates below 5.0 percent. These include Hardy (3.0), Ohio (3.1), Jefferson (3.1), Cabell (3.8), Hancock (3.9), Kanawha (3.9) and Mineral (4.0) counties.

Significant declines in unemployment rates were recorded by Wirt (-1.4), Roane (-1.3), Ritchie (-1.2), Tucker (-1.2), Mingo (-1.1) and McDowell (-1.0) counties.

The highest unemployment rates were observed in Webster (14.4), McDowell (11.9), Nicholas (10.2), Pocahontas (10.2), Clay (10.1) and Wirt (10.0) counties. These were the only counties to suffer double-digit unemployment rates for September 1990.

West Virginia Labor Force Statistics by County

*(WV Series Labor Force Data -- as calculated by the WV Division of Employment Security)**

September 1990
(Revised August 1990 in parentheses)

THESE LABOR FORCE STATISTICS WERE DESIGNED TO BE USED FOR ECONOMIC ANALYSIS

County	Civilian Labor Force		Employment		Unemployment		Unemployment As Percent of Civilian Labor Force	
Barbour	4,690	(4,230)	4,260	(3,790)	430	(440)	9.1	(10.4)
Berkeley	26,170	(26,260)	25,040	(25,010)	1,130	(1,240)	4.3	(4.7)
Boone	7,740	(7,810)	7,280	(7,310)	460	(500)	6.0	(6.4)
Braxton	5,360	(5,360)	5,030	(5,030)	330	(330)	6.2	(6.1)
Brooke	10,370	(10,290)	9,910	(9,860)	470	(430)	4.5	(4.2)
Cabell	41,980	(41,690)	40,390	(39,940)	1,590	(1,750)	3.8	(4.2)
Calhoun	3,030	(2,900)	2,730	(2,640)	290	(270)	9.6	(9.2)
Clay	2,660	(2,660)	2,390	(2,390)	270	(270)	10.1	(10.1)
Doddridge	2,320	(2,320)	2,170	(2,170)	160	(150)	6.7	(6.5)
Fayette	16,410	(16,220)	15,230	(15,190)	1,180	(1,030)	7.2	(6.4)
Gilmer	2,720	(2,720)	2,600	(2,600)	120	(120)	4.5	(4.4)
Grant	4,040	(4,020)	3,790	(3,770)	250	(250)	6.3	(6.3)
Greenbrier	14,570	(14,440)	13,590	(13,660)	980	(780)	6.7	(5.4)
Hampshire	6,680	(6,640)	6,180	(6,210)	500	(430)	7.5	(6.5)
Hancock	13,800	(13,690)	13,270	(13,210)	540	(480)	3.9	(3.5)
Hardy	5,650	(5,690)	5,480	(5,520)	170	(180)	3.0	(3.1)
Harrison	28,240	(28,200)	26,540	(26,580)	1,710	(1,620)	6.0	(5.7)
Jackson	8,830	(8,860)	8,240	(8,220)	590	(650)	6.7	(7.3)
Jefferson	19,020	(18,880)	18,420	(18,300)	600	(590)	3.1	(3.1)
Kanawha	95,870	(96,160)	92,080	(92,570)	3,790	(3,600)	3.9	(3.7)
Lewis	6,780	(6,780)	6,240	(6,210)	540	(570)	7.9	(8.4)
Lincoln	7,040	(7,100)	6,410	(6,420)	630	(680)	8.9	(9.6)
Logan	12,730	(12,800)	11,740	(11,730)	1,000	(1,070)	7.8	(8.4)
McDowell	6,210	(6,330)	5,480	(5,520)	740	(820)	11.9	(12.9)
Marion	21,040	(20,830)	19,890	(19,600)	1,150	(1,240)	5.5	(5.9)
Marshall	14,390	(14,320)	13,750	(13,710)	640	(610)	4.4	(4.2)
Mason	8,230	(8,320)	7,630	(7,660)	600	(660)	7.3	(7.9)
Mercer	25,490	(25,060)	24,130	(23,770)	1,350	(1,300)	5.3	(5.2)
Mineral	10,360	(10,410)	9,950	(9,860)	410	(560)	4.0	(5.3)
Mingo	10,150	(10,160)	9,490	(9,380)	660	(770)	6.5	(7.6)
Monongalia	37,730	(37,000)	36,860	(36,040)	870	(970)	2.3	(2.6)
Monroe	5,040	(5,000)	4,790	(4,810)	250	(190)	4.9	(3.7)
Morgan	5,000	(4,980)	4,750	(4,760)	250	(220)	5.0	(4.4)
Nicholas	8,570	(8,550)	7,700	(7,690)	870	(860)	10.2	(10.0)
Ohio	24,040	(23,990)	23,300	(23,220)	740	(770)	3.1	(3.2)
Pendleton	3,940	(3,970)	3,840	(3,890)	100	(90)	2.5	(2.1)
Pleasants	2,270	(2,240)	2,070	(2,060)	200	(180)	8.7	(8.0)
Pocahontas	4,320	(4,320)	3,880	(3,890)	440	(430)	10.2	(9.9)
Preston	12,110	(11,840)	11,480	(11,230)	630	(620)	5.2	(5.2)
Putnam	16,190	(16,330)	15,450	(15,530)	740	(800)	4.6	(4.9)
Raleigh	26,160	(26,510)	24,570	(24,840)	1,590	(1,670)	6.1	(6.3)
Randolph	11,270	(11,210)	10,260	(10,220)	1,010	(990)	9.0	(8.8)
Ritchie	4,820	(4,960)	4,430	(4,490)	390	(460)	8.1	(9.3)
Roane	4,520	(4,460)	4,100	(4,050)	420	(410)	9.3	(9.2)
Summers	4,060	(4,150)	3,840	(3,890)	220	(260)	5.5	(6.2)
Taylor	5,560	(5,550)	5,200	(5,210)	360	(340)	6.4	(6.1)
Tucker	3,850	(3,880)	3,580	(3,560)	280	(330)	7.2	(8.4)
Tyler	4,510	(4,520)	4,230	(4,230)	280	(290)	6.1	(6.4)
Upshur	7,870	(7,530)	7,330	(6,940)	530	(590)	6.8	(7.8)
Wayne	15,270	(15,100)	14,490	(14,330)	780	(770)	5.1	(5.1)
Webster	2,950	(2,950)	2,530	(2,520)	430	(430)	14.4	(14.6)
Wetzel	8,750	(8,810)	8,270	(8,270)	480	(540)	5.5	(6.1)
Wirt	2,510	(2,510)	2,260	(2,220)	250	(290)	10.0	(11.4)
Wood	40,140	(40,510)	37,980	(37,910)	2,160	(2,600)	5.4	(6.4)
Wyoming	6,570	(6,550)	5,940	(5,920)	630	(630)	9.6	(9.6)

All data have been revised to March 1989 benchmark.

*The West Virginia Division of Employment Security and the U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics use different methodologies in calculating the unemployment rate.

West Virginia Labor Force Statistics by County

*(BLS Series Labor Force Data -- Using U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics Methodology)**

September 1990
(Revised August 1990 in parentheses)

APPROVED BY THE U. S. BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS TO ALLOCATE FEDERAL FUNDS AND DETERMINE ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

County	Civilian Labor Force		Employment		Unemployment		Unemployment As Percent of Civilian Labor Force	
Barbour	5,180	(4,780)	4,410	(4,020)	770	(760)	14.9	(15.9)
Berkeley	27,950	(28,620)	25,920	(26,480)	2,030	(2,140)	7.3	(7.5)
Boone	8,370	(8,600)	7,530	(7,740)	830	(860)	9.9	(10.0)
Braxton	5,800	(5,890)	5,200	(5,330)	600	(560)	10.3	(9.6)
Brooke	11,090	(11,180)	10,250	(10,440)	840	(740)	7.6	(6.6)
Cabell	44,670	(45,290)	41,810	(42,290)	2,870	(3,010)	6.4	(6.6)
Calhoun	3,360	(3,250)	2,830	(2,790)	530	(460)	15.7	(14.1)
Clay	2,960	(2,990)	2,470	(2,530)	480	(460)	16.4	(15.4)
Doddridge	2,520	(2,560)	2,240	(2,300)	280	(260)	11.1	(10.1)
Fayette	17,880	(17,850)	15,770	(16,080)	2,120	(1,770)	11.8	(9.9)
Gilmer	2,910	(2,960)	2,690	(2,750)	220	(210)	7.6	(7.0)
Grant	4,380	(4,430)	3,920	(3,990)	460	(440)	10.4	(9.9)
Greenbrier	15,830	(15,810)	14,060	(14,460)	1,760	(1,350)	11.1	(8.5)
Hampshire	7,290	(7,320)	6,390	(6,570)	900	(750)	12.3	(10.2)
Hancock	14,700	(14,820)	13,730	(13,980)	970	(830)	6.6	(5.6)
Hardy	5,970	(6,140)	5,670	(5,840)	300	(300)	5.1	(4.9)
Harrison	30,540	(30,940)	27,470	(28,150)	3,080	(2,790)	10.1	(9.0)
Jackson	9,600	(9,810)	8,530	(8,700)	1,060	(1,110)	11.1	(11.3)
Jefferson	20,140	(20,380)	19,070	(19,370)	1,080	(1,010)	5.3	(4.9)
Kanawha	102,140	(104,200)	95,310	(98,010)	6,820	(6,190)	6.7	(5.9)
Lewis	7,430	(7,560)	6,460	(6,580)	970	(980)	13.0	(13.0)
Lincoln	7,770	(7,970)	6,640	(6,800)	1,130	(1,170)	14.6	(14.7)
Logan	13,950	(14,270)	12,150	(12,420)	1,800	(1,850)	12.9	(13.0)
McDowell	7,000	(7,250)	5,670	(5,840)	1,330	(1,410)	19.0	(19.4)
Marion	22,660	(22,880)	20,580	(20,750)	2,080	(2,130)	9.2	(9.3)
Marshall	15,380	(15,560)	14,240	(14,510)	1,150	(1,050)	7.5	(6.7)
Mason	8,980	(9,250)	7,900	(8,110)	1,090	(1,140)	12.1	(12.3)
Mercer	27,420	(27,390)	24,980	(25,160)	2,440	(2,230)	8.9	(8.1)
Mineral	11,040	(11,390)	10,300	(10,440)	750	(960)	6.8	(8.4)
Mingo	11,020	(11,270)	9,820	(9,930)	1,190	(1,330)	10.8	(11.8)
Monongalia	39,720	(39,820)	38,150	(38,160)	1,570	(1,660)	4.0	(4.2)
Monroe	5,400	(5,420)	4,960	(5,090)	450	(320)	8.3	(5.9)
Morgan	5,360	(5,420)	4,910	(5,040)	450	(380)	8.4	(7.0)
Nicholas	9,540	(9,620)	7,970	(8,150)	1,580	(1,480)	16.5	(15.3)
Ohio	25,460	(25,910)	24,120	(24,590)	1,340	(1,320)	5.3	(5.1)
Pendleton	4,150	(4,260)	3,980	(4,120)	180	(150)	4.2	(3.4)
Pleasants	2,500	(2,490)	2,140	(2,180)	360	(310)	14.3	(12.4)
Pocahontas	4,810	(4,850)	4,020	(4,120)	800	(740)	16.5	(15.1)
Preston	13,020	(12,950)	11,890	(11,890)	1,130	(1,060)	8.7	(8.2)
Putnam	17,330	(17,820)	15,990	(16,440)	1,340	(1,380)	7.7	(7.7)
Raleigh	28,300	(29,170)	25,430	(26,300)	2,870	(2,870)	10.1	(9.8)
Randolph	12,440	(12,530)	10,620	(10,820)	1,820	(1,710)	14.6	(13.6)
Ritchie	5,300	(5,560)	4,590	(4,760)	710	(800)	13.4	(14.3)
Roane	5,000	(5,000)	4,240	(4,290)	760	(710)	15.2	(14.2)
Summers	4,370	(4,560)	3,970	(4,120)	400	(450)	9.2	(9.8)
Taylor	6,030	(6,100)	5,380	(5,520)	650	(580)	10.7	(9.6)
Tucker	4,200	(4,330)	3,700	(3,770)	500	(560)	11.9	(12.9)
Tyler	4,880	(4,980)	4,380	(4,480)	500	(500)	10.2	(10.0)
Upshur	8,550	(8,360)	7,590	(7,350)	960	(1,010)	11.2	(12.1)
Wayne	16,400	(16,490)	15,000	(15,170)	1,400	(1,320)	8.5	(8.0)
Webster	3,380	(3,410)	2,610	(2,670)	770	(740)	22.7	(21.7)
Wetzel	9,420	(9,680)	8,560	(8,760)	860	(920)	9.1	(9.5)
Wirt	2,790	(2,850)	2,340	(2,350)	450	(490)	16.2	(17.3)
Wood	43,200	(44,610)	39,320	(40,140)	3,890	(4,480)	9.0	(10.0)
Wyoming	7,290	(7,360)	6,150	(6,270)	1,140	(1,090)	15.6	(14.8)

All data have been revised to March 1989 benchmark.

*Calculated according to Current Population Survey adjusted to BLS procedures.

West Virginia Labor Force Statistics by Local Area

WV Series Labor Force Data
(In Thousands – Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Sep.'90	Revised Aug.'90	Revised Sep.'89
Charleston MSA			
Labor Force	112.1	112.5	108.3
Unemployment	4.5	4.4	4.7
Rate (%)	4.0	3.9	4.3
Employment	107.5	108.1	103.6
Huntington - Ashland - Ironton MSA			
Labor Force	124.1	123.0	121.9
Unemployment	4.6	4.9	4.3
Rate (%)	3.7	4.0	3.5
Employment	119.5	118.2	117.6
Parkersburg - Marietta MSA			
Labor Force	68.3	69.0	67.4
Unemployment	3.0	3.7	2.6
Rate (%)	4.3	5.4	3.8
Employment	65.3	65.2	64.8
Wheeling - Bridgeport MSA			
Labor Force	68.7	68.5	67.5
Unemployment	2.1	2.1	2.4
Rate (%)	3.0	3.0	3.5
Employment	66.6	66.4	65.1
Clarksburg LMA			
Labor Force	36.1	36.1	35.9
Unemployment	2.2	2.1	2.2
Rate (%)	6.1	5.8	6.0
Employment	33.9	34.0	33.8
Gauley LMA			
Labor Force	11.5	11.5	12.1
Unemployment	1.3	1.3	1.3
Rate (%)	11.3	11.2	10.4
Employment	10.2	10.2	10.8
Morgantown - Kingwood LMA			
Labor Force	49.8	48.8	48.4
Unemployment	1.5	1.6	1.5
Rate (%)	3.0	3.2	3.2
Employment	48.3	47.3	46.9
New Martinsville LMA			
Labor Force	13.3	13.3	13.4
Unemployment	0.8	0.8	0.8
Rate (%)	5.7	6.2	6.3
Employment	12.5	12.5	12.6
Ronceverte - White Sulphur Springs LMA			
Labor Force	19.6	19.4	19.5
Unemployment	1.2	1.0	0.9
Rate (%)	6.3	5.0	4.7
Employment	18.4	18.5	18.6

BLS Series Labor Force Data
(In Thousands – Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Sep.'90	Revised Aug.'90	Revised Sep.'89
Charleston MSA			
Labor Force	119.5	122.0	117.0
Unemployment	8.2	7.6	8.0
Rate (%)	6.8	6.2	6.8
Employment	111.3	114.4	109.0
Huntington - Ashland - Ironton MSA			
Labor Force	129.8	130.9	128.9
Unemployment	8.2	8.4	7.3
Rate (%)	6.3	6.4	5.7
Employment	121.6	122.5	121.5
Parkersburg - Marietta MSA			
Labor Force	72.5	74.8	72.2
Unemployment	5.3	6.4	4.5
Rate (%)	7.3	8.5	6.3
Employment	67.2	68.5	67.7
Wheeling - Bridgeport MSA			
Labor Force	72.2	73.2	72.2
Unemployment	3.7	3.5	4.2
Rate (%)	5.1	4.8	5.8
Employment	68.5	69.7	68.0
Clarksburg LMA			
Labor Force	39.1	39.6	39.2
Unemployment	4.0	3.6	3.7
Rate (%)	10.2	9.2	9.5
Employment	35.1	36.0	35.5
Gauley LMA			
Labor Force	12.9	13.0	13.5
Unemployment	2.3	2.2	2.1
Rate (%)	18.1	17.0	15.9
Employment	10.6	10.8	11.4
Morgantown - Kingwood LMA			
Labor Force	52.7	52.8	52.0
Unemployment	2.7	2.7	2.6
Rate (%)	5.1	5.2	5.0
Employment	50.0	50.0	49.3
New Martinsville LMA			
Labor Force	14.3	14.7	14.7
Unemployment	1.4	1.4	1.4
Rate (%)	9.5	9.7	9.8
Employment	12.9	13.2	13.3
Ronceverte - White Sulphur Springs LMA			
Labor Force	21.2	21.2	21.2
Unemployment	2.2	1.7	1.6
Rate (%)	10.4	7.9	7.4
Employment	19.0	19.6	19.6

Charleston Metropolitan Statistical Area

(Counties of Kanawha and Putnam, West Virginia)

HIGHLIGHTS

EMPLOYMENT: Total nonagricultural wage and salary employment in the Charleston Metropolitan Statistical Area fell by 400 during September 1990. The goods-producing sector remained unchanged with an increase in construction (+100) and a decrease in mining (-100). In the service-producing sector declines were noted in trade (-200) and government (-200). Comparison with year-ago September 1989 data reveals an increase of 4,400 jobs. Major increases appeared in construction (+1,500), retail trade (+1,100), and services (+1,500).

UNEMPLOYMENT: Total unemployment increased slightly during September 1990 (+100) in the Charleston MSA. The unemployment rate also rose slightly from 3.9 percent to 4.0 percent of the civilian labor force. Comparison with year-ago data reveals a 200 decrease in total unemployment, while the corresponding unemployment rate declined from 4.3 percent.

WV Series Labor Force Data
(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Sep.'90	Revised Aug.'90	Revised Sep.'89
Labor Force	112.1	112.5	108.3
Unemployment	4.5	4.4	4.7
Rate (%)	4.0	3.9	4.3
Employment	107.5	108.1	103.6

BLS Series Labor Force Data
(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Sep.'90	Revised Aug.'90	Revised Sep.'89
Labor Force	119.5	122.0	117.0
Unemployment	8.2	7.6	8.0
Rate (%)	6.8	6.2	6.8
Employment	111.3	114.4	109.0

NONAGRICULTURAL PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

	Prelim. Sep.'90	Revised Aug.'90	Revised Sep.'89	Change From: Aug. 1990	Sep. 1989
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL	113.0	113.4	108.6	-0.4	4.4
GOODS PRODUCING	18.6	18.6	16.7	0.0	1.9
Mining	2.0	2.1	1.9	-0.1	0.1
Construction	5.6	5.5	4.1	0.1	1.5
Manufacturing	11.0	11.0	10.7	0.0	0.3
Durable Goods	1.6	1.6	1.5	0.0	0.1
Nondurable Goods	9.4	9.4	9.2	0.0	0.2
Chemical & Allied Products	7.9	7.9	7.9	0.0	0.0
Other Nondurable Goods	1.5	1.5	1.3	0.0	0.2
SERVICE PRODUCING	94.4	94.8	91.9	-0.4	2.5
Transportation & Public Utilities	9.2	9.2	9.1	0.0	0.1
Trade	30.1	30.3	28.9	-0.2	1.2
Wholesale Trade	7.3	7.4	7.2	-0.1	0.1
Retail Trade	22.8	22.9	21.7	-0.1	1.1
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	6.2	6.2	6.2	0.0	0.0
Services	28.9	28.9	27.4	0.0	1.5
Health Services	10.8	10.8	10.3	0.0	0.5
Government	20.0	20.2	20.3	-0.2	-0.3
Federal	1.8	1.9	1.8	-0.1	0.0
State	9.7	9.7	9.8	0.0	-0.1
Local	8.5	8.6	8.7	-0.1	-0.2
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.1	0.1	0.0	xx	xx

Average Hours and Earnings of Production Workers in Manufacturing

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Prelim. Sep.'90	Revised Aug.'90	Revised Sep.'89	Prelim. Sep.'90	Revised Aug.'90	Revised Sep.'89	Prelim. Sep.'90	Revised Aug.'90	Revised Sep.'89
Manufacturing	$613.33	$593.09	$576.83	44.9	43.9	43.6	$13.66	$13.51	$13.23
Nondurable Goods	636.98	621.72	608.52	44.7	44.0	44.0	14.25	14.13	13.83
Chemical & Allied Products	729.96	708.95	680.47	46.2	45.3	45.7	15.80	15.65	14.89

Huntington-Ashland-Ironton Metropolitan Statistical Area

(Counties of Cabell and Wayne, West Virginia;
Boyd, Carter and Greenup, Kentucky; Lawrence, Ohio)

HIGHLIGHTS

EMPLOYMENT: Total nonagricultural wage and salary employment increased by 1,500 during September 1990 in the Huntington-Ashland-Ironton MSA. This increase occurred in the service-producing sector (+1600), primarily in state (+700) and local (+700) government. The goods-producing sector fell by 100 over the month. Comparison with year ago September 1989 reveals an increase of 1,800 jobs. Nearly all of the over-the-year gains occurred in the service-producing sector (+1600), primarily retail trade (+800) and services (+600).

UNEMPLOYMENT: Total unemployment fell during September 1990 (-300), with a corresponding decline in the unemployment rate to 3.7 percent of the local civilian labor force. Comparison with year-ago figures indicates a slight increase (+300) in total unemployment.

WV Series Labor Force Data
(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Sep.'90	Revised Aug.'90	Revised Sep.'89
Labor Force	124.1	123.0	121.9
Unemployment	4.6	4.9	4.3
Rate (%)	3.7	4.0	3.5
Employment	119.5	118.2	117.6

BLS Series Labor Force Data
(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Sep.'90	Revised Aug.'90	Revised Sep.'89
Labor Force	129.8	130.9	128.9
Unemployment	8.2	8.4	7.3
Rate (%)	6.3	6.4	5.7
Employment	121.6	122.5	121.5

NONAGRICULTURAL PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

	Prelim. Sep.'90	Revised Aug.'90	Revised Sep.'89	Change From: Aug. 1990	Change From: Sep. 1989
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL	111.3	109.8	109.5	1.5	1.8
GOODS PRODUCING	27.6	27.7	27.4	-0.1	0.2
Mining	1.6	1.7	1.5	-0.1	0.1
Construction	5.2	5.4	5.3	-0.2	-0.1
Manufacturing	20.8	20.6	20.6	0.2	0.2
Durable Goods	12.2	12.1	12.2	0.1	0.0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	1.7	1.6	1.7	0.1	0.0
Primary Metals Industries	7.7	7.8	7.8	-0.1	-0.1
Other Durable Goods	2.8	2.7	2.7	0.1	0.1
Nondurable Goods	8.6	8.5	8.4	0.1	0.2
Apparel & Other Textile Products	1.5	1.5	1.6	0.0	-0.1
Chemical & Allied Products	4.6	4.6	4.5	0.0	0.1
Other Nondurable Goods	2.5	2.4	2.3	0.1	0.2
SERVICE PRODUCING	83.7	82.1	82.1	1.6	1.6
Transportation & Public Utilities	8.0	8.1	8.1	-0.1	-0.1
Trade	28.5	28.3	27.7	0.2	0.8
Wholesale Trade	5.5	5.4	5.5	0.1	0.0
Retail Trade	23.0	22.9	22.2	0.1	0.8
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	3.9	3.9	3.8	0.0	0.1
Services	24.7	24.5	24.1	0.2	0.6
Health Services	10.2	10.2	10.0	0.0	0.2
Government	18.6	17.3	18.4	1.3	0.2
Federal	2.9	3.0	2.8	-0.1	0.1
State	4.6	3.9	4.4	0.7	0.2
Local	11.1	10.4	11.2	0.7	-0.1
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.0	xx	xx

Average Hours and Earnings of Production Workers in Manufacturing

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Prelim. Sep.'90	Revised Aug.'90	Revised Sep.'89	Prelim. Sep.'90	Revised Aug.'90	Revised Sep.'89	Prelim. Sep.'90	Revised Aug.'90	Revised Sep.'89
Manufacturing	$557.61	$557.86	$517.65	41.8	41.6	40.6	$13.34	$13.41	$12.75
Durable Goods	595.64	606.42	557.95	43.1	43.1	41.7	13.82	14.07	13.38
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	533.20	545.67	469.14	43.6	43.0	42.0	12.40	12.69	11.17
Primary Metals Industries	646.28	661.57	608.87	42.8	43.9	40.7	15.10	15.07	14.96
Nondurable Goods	501.14	486.20	458.64	39.9	39.4	39.0	12.56	12.34	11.76

Parkersburg-Marietta Metropolitan Statistical Area

(Counties of Wood, West Virginia; Washington, Ohio)

HIGHLIGHTS

EMPLOYMENT: Total nonagricultural wage and salary employment declined slightly (-200) during September 1990 in the Parkersburg-Marietta MSA. The goods-producing sector fell by 800, primarily due to a labor-management dispute in the stone, clay and glass products industry (-400). Other declines were noted in the manufacturing industries as well, namely chemicals (-200) and other nondurable goods (-200). The service producing sector advanced by 600, due to employment gains in local (+400) and state (+100) government. Comparison with year-ago September 1989 data indicates a slight increase of 400 over the year. This increase occurred in the service-producing industries, particularly in retail trade (+400) and total government (+400). The goods-producing industries fell by 500 over the year.

UNEMPLOYMENT: Total unemployment fell sharply in the Parkersburg MSA (-700) during September 1990. The local unemployment rate declined to 4.3 percent of the civilian labor force. Comparison with year-ago figures reveals an increase in the unemployment rate, from 3.8 to 4.3 percent.

WV Series Labor Force Data
(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Sep.'90	Revised Aug.'90	Revised Sep.'89
Labor Force	68.3	69.0	67.4
Unemployment	3.0	3.7	2.6
Rate (%)	4.3	5.4	3.8
Employment	65.3	65.2	64.8

BLS Series Labor Force Data
(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Sep.'90	Revised Aug.'90	Revised Sep.'89
Labor Force	72.5	74.8	72.2
Unemployment	5.3	6.4	4.5
Rate (%)	7.3	8.5	6.3
Employment	67.2	68.5	67.7

NONAGRICULTURAL PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

	Prelim. Sep.'90	Revised Aug.'90	Revised Sep.'89	Change From: Aug. 1990	Sep. 1989
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL	61.4	61.6	61.0	-0.2	0.4
GOODS PRODUCING	17.1	17.9	17.6	-0.8	-0.5
Mining	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.0	0.0
Construction	3.1	3.3	3.3	-0.2	-0.2
Manufacturing	13.5	14.1	13.8	-0.6	-0.3
Durable Goods	6.5	6.9	6.7	-0.4	-0.2
Lumber, Wood Products & Furniture	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	1.4	1.8	1.8	-0.4	-0.4
Primary Metals Industries	2.8	2.7	2.5	0.1	0.3
Other Durable Goods	1.3	1.4	1.4	-0.1	-0.1
Nondurable Goods	7.0	7.2	7.1	-0.2	-0.1
Chemical & Allied Products	5.2	5.4	5.3	-0.2	-0.1
Other Nondurable Goods	1.8	1.8	1.8	0.0	0.0
SERVICE PRODUCING	44.3	43.7	43.4	0.6	0.9
Transportation & Public Utilities	2.5	2.5	2.6	0.0	-0.1
Trade	15.3	15.3	15.1	0.0	0.2
Wholesale Trade	2.8	2.8	3.0	0.0	-0.2
Retail Trade	12.5	12.5	12.1	0.0	0.4
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	2.2	2.2	2.1	0.0	0.1
Services	14.8	14.7	14.5	0.1	0.3
Health Services	4.6	4.6	4.4	0.0	0.2
Government	9.5	9.0	9.1	0.5	0.4
Federal	1.7	1.7	1.7	0.0	0.0
State	1.1	1.0	1.0	0.1	0.1
Local	6.7	6.3	6.4	0.4	0.3
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.4	0.0	0.2	xx	xx

Average Hours and Earnings of Production Workers in Manufacturing

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Prelim. Sep.'90	Revised Aug.'90	Revised Sep.'89	Prelim. Sep.'90	Revised Aug.'90	Revised Sep.'89	Prelim. Sep.'90	Revised Aug.'90	Revised Sep.'89
Manufacturing	$547.94	$538.00	$558.54	40.8	41.1	42.8	$13.43	$13.09	$13.05
Durable Goods	443.73	455.88	471.91	37.7	39.3	41.0	11.77	11.60	11.51
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	567.67	592.73	557.76	43.6	44.3	44.8	13.02	13.38	12.45
Primary Metals Industries	435.28	418.78	487.71	33.9	35.4	39.3	12.84	11.83	12.41
Nondurable Goods	663.88	630.55	657.34	44.2	43.1	44.9	15.02	14.63	14.64

Wheeling-Bridgeport Metropolitan Statistical Area

(Counties of Marshall and Ohio, West Virginia; Belmont, Ohio)

HIGHLIGHTS

EMPLOYMENT: No individual industry experienced substantial employment gains, although total nonagricultural wage and salary employment increased by 300 over the month. The largest industry increase was in state government employment at 200, while federal and local government are the only industries to lose employment (-100). When comparing September 1990 to the same month last year, a significant increase of 1,700 is seen. Those industries contributing most are the retail trade (600), mining (300), construction (300), and durable goods manufacturing industries (300). Nondurables along with finance, insurance, and real estate enjoyed an increase of 200. The only industries to reflect a decrease were wholesale trade (-100) and services (-100).

UNEMPLOYMENT: The unemployment rate showed no change from August 1990, but was half a point below the year-ago September 1989 figure of 3.5 percent. Total unemployment was down slightly over the year (-300) in the Wheeling-Bridgeport MSA.

WV Series Labor Force Data
(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Sep.'90	Revised Aug.'90	Revised Sep.'89
Labor Force	68.7	68.5	67.5
Unemployment	2.1	2.1	2.4
Rate (%)	3.0	3.0	3.5
Employment	66.6	66.4	65.1

BLS Series Labor Force Data
(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Sep.'90	Revised Aug.'90	Revised Sep.'89
Labor Force	72.2	73.2	72.2
Unemployment	3.7	3.5	4.2
Rate (%)	5.1	4.8	5.8
Employment	68.5	69.7	68.0

NONAGRICULTURAL PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

	Prelim. Sep.'90	Revised Aug.'90	Revised Sep.'89	Change From: Aug. 1990	Sep. 1989
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL	61.9	61.6	60.2	0.3	1.7
GOODS PRODUCING	12.7	12.5	11.6	0.2	1.1
Mining	2.5	2.5	2.2	0.0	0.3
Construction	2.5	2.4	2.2	0.1	0.3
Manufacturing	7.7	7.6	7.2	0.1	0.5
Durable Goods	3.3	3.2	3.0	0.1	0.3
Nondurable Goods	4.4	4.4	4.2	0.0	0.2
SERVICE PRODUCING	49.2	49.1	48.6	0.1	0.6
Transportation & Public Utilities	3.5	3.5	3.5	0.0	0.0
Trade	17.1	17.1	16.6	0.0	0.5
Wholesale Trade	2.9	2.9	3.0	0.0	-0.1
Retail Trade	14.2	14.2	13.6	0.0	0.6
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	3.1	3.1	2.9	0.0	0.2
Services	16.6	16.5	16.7	0.1	-0.1
Health Services	7.8	7.8	7.8	0.0	0.0
Government	8.9	8.9	8.9	0.0	0.0
Federal	0.7	0.8	0.7	-0.1	0.0
State	1.6	1.4	1.6	0.2	0.0
Local	6.6	6.7	6.6	-0.1	0.0
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.0	xx	xx

Average Hours and Earnings of Production Workers in Manufacturing

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Prelim. Sep.'90	Revised Aug.'90	Revised Sep.'89	Prelim. Sep.'90	Revised Aug.'90	Revised Sep.'89	Prelim. Sep.'90	Revised Aug.'90	Revised Sep.'89
Manufacturing	$558.41	$549.54	$636.25	42.4	41.6	44.4	$13.17	$13.21	$14.33
Nondurable Goods	592.87	601.11	755.86	41.2	41.2	47.9	14.39	14.59	15.78
Durable Goods	520.58	494.16	503.42	43.6	42.2	40.5	11.94	11.71	12.43

Applicants and Nonagricultural Job Openings in West Virginia Job Service Offices

Occupational Category	Applicants Available Program Year to Date 2/	Active File	NONAGRICULTURAL JOB OPENINGS Received Program Year to Date 2/	UNFILLED Total	UNFILLED 30 Days or More	FILLED Total	Applicant/ Openings Program Year to Date	Active File/ Unfilled Openings End of Month
TOTAL 3/	81,692	43,191	18,005	3,931	2,513	13,834	4.5	11.0
Professional, Technical & Managerial	7,909	4,718	382	200	127	136	20.7	23.6
Clerical & Sales	23,069	11,954	2,916	1,099	676	1,899	7.9	10.9
Services	10,214	5,028	2,198	717	410	1,241	4.6	7.0
Agricultural, Fishery & Forestry	602	298	56	16	8	38	10.8	18.6
Processing	4,504	2,442	239	82	26	197	18.8	29.8
Machine Trades	5,394	3,238	453	300	222	139	11.9	10.8
Benchwork	3,532	2,023	522	221	168	353	6.8	9.2
Structural Work	12,353	7,058	855	450	338	404	14.4	15.7
Miscellaneous	15,784	7,226	10,384	846	538	9,427	1.5	8.5
Transportation	3,393	2,054	335	161	54	140	10.1	12.8
Packaging & Materials Handling	10,681	4,089	9,938	634	455	9,207	1.1	6.4
Other 4/	1,710	1,083	111	51	29	80	15.4	21.2
Entry Total 5/	64	27	0	0	0	6/	xx	xx

1/ Source of Data: SAMS (State Employment Security Automated Management System); Table A96 containing fully registered applicants.

2/ Period Covered: July 1, 1990 through September 30, 1990. Program Year 1990 defined as July 1, 1990 through June 30, 1991.

3/ Total excludes invalid occupational data.

4/ Includes mining, logging, utilities, miscellaneous amusement and recreation, and graphic art work.

5/ Applicants for whom a complete occupational code cannot be assigned because of lack of training/experience.

Select Unemployment Compensation Claims Activities

State UI Program Activity	September 1990	August 1990	September 1989	Percent Change to September 1990 from: Aug. 1990	Percent Change to September 1990 from: Sept. 1989
Total Initial Claims 1/	5,390	7,045	4,830	-23.5	11.6
Total Continued Weeks	51,180	57,629	49,123	-11.2	4.2
Total Benefits Paid	$5,966,670	$6,709,334	$5,826,383	-11.1	2.4
Total Weeks Compensated	41,911	47,747	41,958	-12.2	-0.1
Average Weekly Payment	$142.37	$140.52	$138.86	1.3	2.5
Monthly Insured Unemployment Rate 2/	2.2	2.2	2.0	xx	xx
UC Fund Balance, End of Month	$155,414,696	$161,566,870	$145,060,343	-3.8	7.1

1/ Excluding transitional claims.

2/ Seasonally unadjusted.

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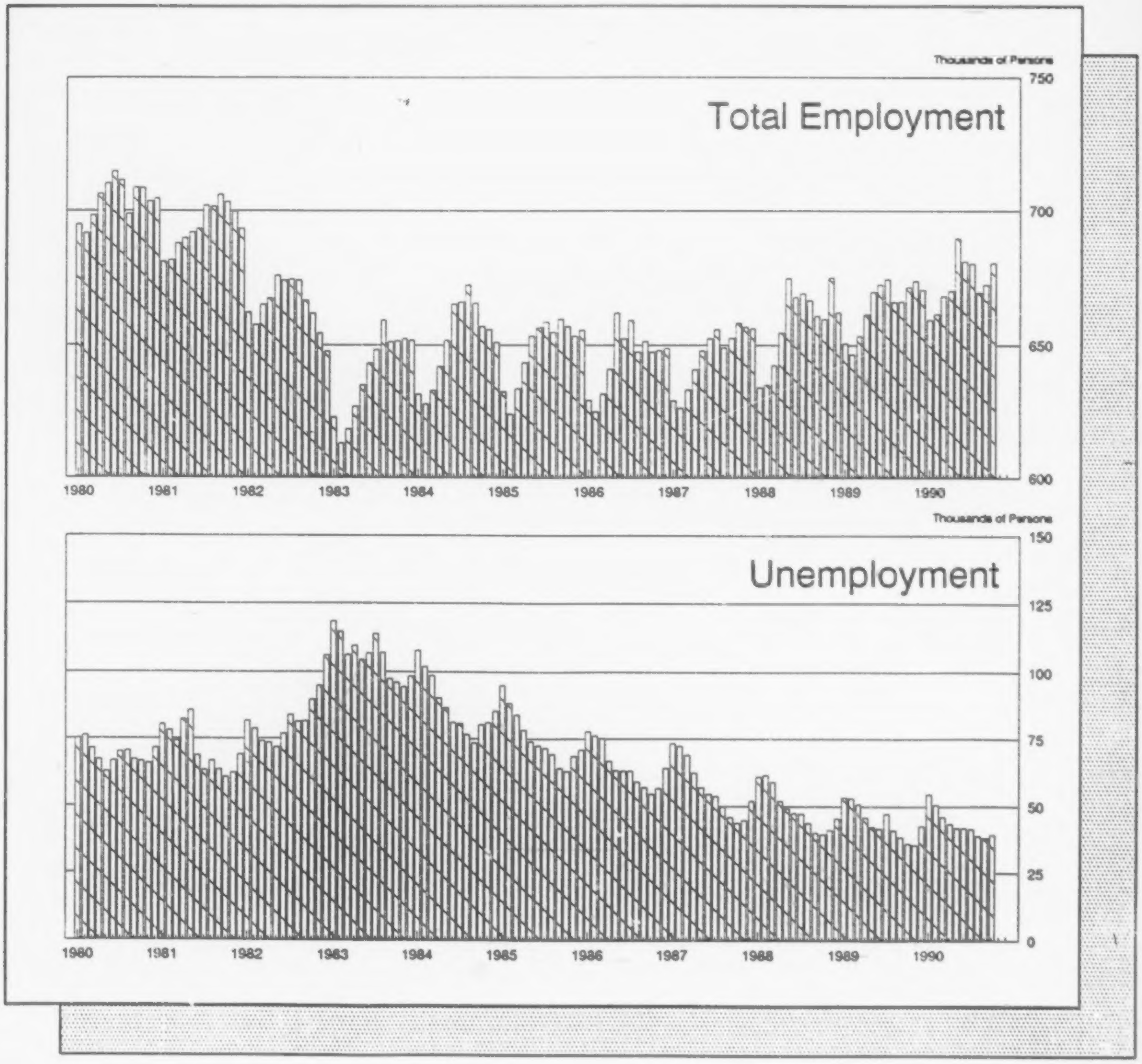
Economic Summary

A Monthly Newsletter on Economic Activity in West Virginia

October 1990



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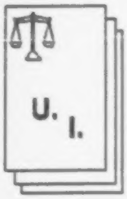
West Virginia Economic Indicators



	Oct. 1990	Sept. 1990	Oct. 1989
Average Weekly Hours in Manufacturing			
Unadjusted	40.6	41.1	41.3
Seasonally Adjusted	40.6	41.2	41.3
Total Production Worker Hours in Manufacturing (000), Weekly, Unadjusted	2,666	2,694	2,775
Average Weekly Earnings in Manufacturing, Unadjusted	$476.64	$475.53	$462.56
Average Weekly Hours in Bituminous Coal Mining, Unadjusted	44.8	45.6	43.7
Average Weekly Earnings in Bituminous Coal Mining, Unadjusted	$799.23	$818.06	$769.12
Coal Production (000 Tons)			
Unadjusted	15,407	13,377	14,597
Seasonally Adjusted	14,072	12,837	13,332
Commercial and Industrial Electric Power Sales (000,000 KWH)			
Unadjusted	1,081	1,147	1,069
Seasonally Adjusted	1,148	1,144	1,135
New Motor Vehicle Registrations, Unadjusted	8,093	6,149	8,196
Interstate Initial Claims			
Unadjusted	1,216	927	927
Seasonally Adjusted	1,284	1,179	979
Average Weekly Initial Claims			
Unadjusted	1,847	1,348	1,370
Seasonally Adjusted	2,231	1,876	1,655
Insured Unemployment Rate			
Unadjusted	2.3	2.2	2.1
Seasonally Adjusted	3.1	3.0	2.8
Total Unemployment Rate, Seasonally Adjusted (WV Series)	6.5	6.2	6.1

NOTE: Data for prior month and year may be revised from previously published figures.

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Selected National Data

	Oct. 1990	Sept. 1990	Oct. 1989
Civilian Unemployment Rate			
Unadjusted	5.4	5.5	5.0
Seasonally Adjusted	5.7	5.7	5.3
Consumer Price Index, All Urban Consumers			
Unadjusted			
1982-84 Base	133.5	132.7	125.6
1967 Base	400.0	397.5	376.2
Producer Price Index, Finished Goods Unadjusted, 1982 Base	122.3	120.3	114.9
Initial Claims for Unemployment Insurance (000) Week including 12th, Unadjusted	356.0	322.9	281.5
Insured Unemployment Rate, Week including 12th			
Unadjusted	2.1	2.0	1.9
Seasonally Adjusted	2.6	2.4	2.2

Trends in the West Virginia Labor Market

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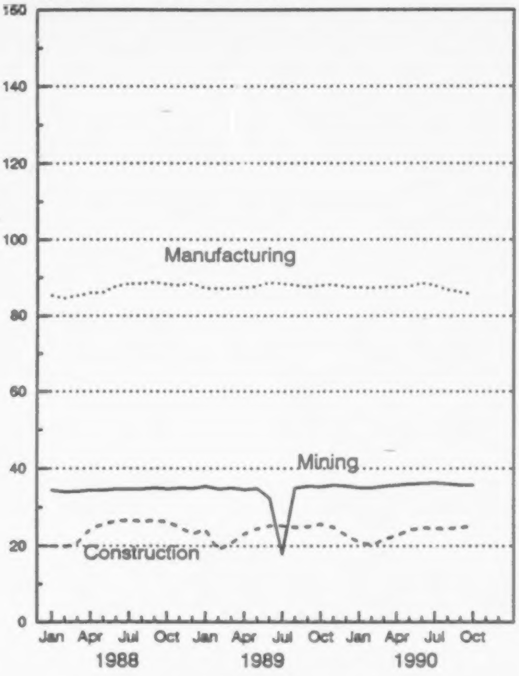

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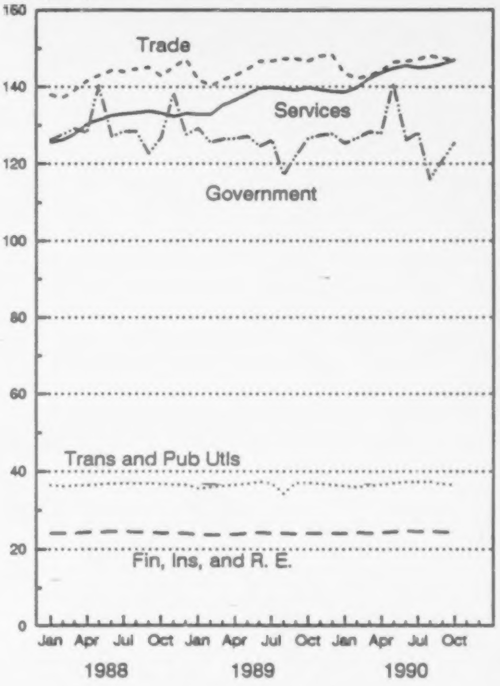

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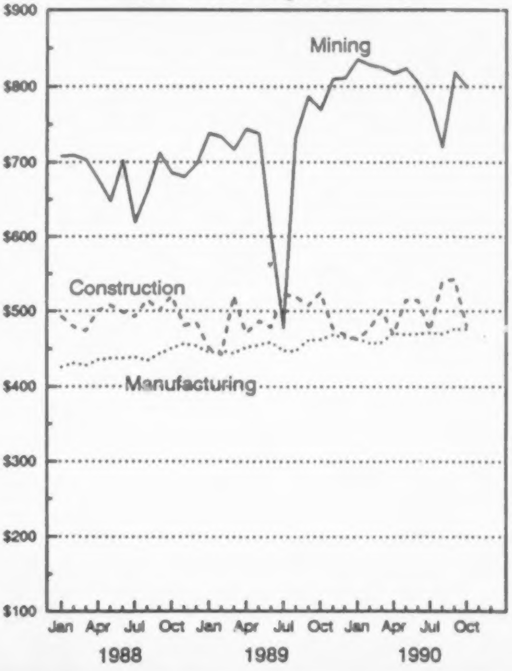

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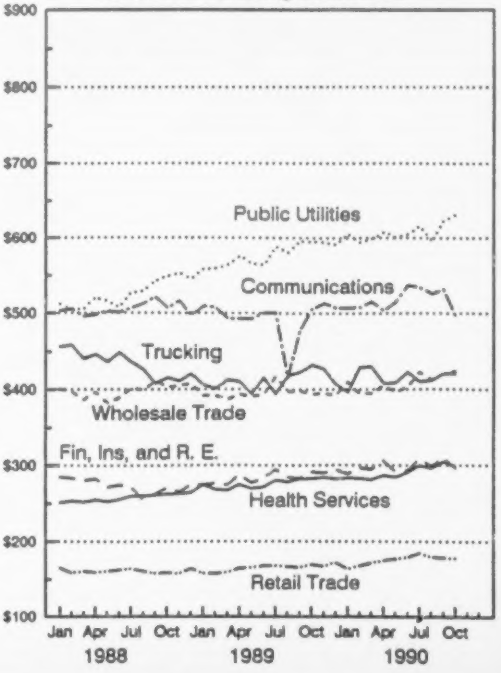


Total Employment, Unemployment, and Civilian Labor Force In West Virginia

WV Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Oct.'90	Revised Sep.'90	Revised Oct.'89	Change From: Sep. 1990	Change From: Oct. 1989
Civilian Labor Force	720.0	710.7	707.8	9.3	12.2
Total Employment	680.6	672.5	671.5	8.1	9.1
Total Unemployment	39.3	38.2	36.2	1.1	3.1
Unemployment Rate	5.5	5.4	5.1	xx	xx

BLS Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Oct.'90	Revised Sep.'90	Revised Oct.'89	Change From: Sep. 1990	Change From: Oct. 1989
Civilian Labor Force	766.1	765.2	777.9	0.9	-11.8
Total Employment	703.9	696.1	704.6	7.8	-0.7
Total Unemployment	62.2	69.1	73.3	-6.9	-11.1
Unemployment Rate	8.1	9.0	9.4	xx	xx

EMPLOYMENT: Total employment in West Virginia increased 8,100 during the month to an estimated 680,600 in mid-October. The expansion was due in large part to a seasonal increase in the education sector, which typically boosts overall employment in the fall. Total employment now exceeds its October 1989 level by 9,100.

Payroll employment in the nonagricultural sectors of West Virginia's economy stood at 627,000 in mid-October, 4,900 more than a month ago. Employment at goods producing firms dipped slightly, although with disparate changes among industry components. Construction gained 300 as building contractors added more workers to complete contracts before winter, while manufacturing declined by 400 and mining lost 100. Widely scattered minor downturns plus labor-management disputes have accumulated to draw manufacturing employment down several thousand over the last few months. Seasonal gains continued to swell school employment, with the addition of 1,300 in private education, 1,600 at county schools, and 3,400 at state colleges and universities. The latter offset losses elsewhere to raise government employment 4,500 over the month. Trade is stronger than usual for this time of year. The seasonal loss of 700 in restaurants is the shallowest October decline since 1983, while nonseasonal trade expansions have added 300 to general merchandise stores and another 300 to food stores. Health services is also doing well, adding 200 to nursing homes and 200 to hospital employment. On the other hand, the seasonal slowdown in tourism contributed to losses of 400 in amusements and 200 in hotels, in addition to the previously mentioned decline in restaurants. Small losses occurred in trucking, insurance and real estate. Nonfarm payroll employment is now 4,200 ahead of last October, with gains in services outweighing losses in manufacturing and government.

UNEMPLOYMENT: The number of unemployed state residents increased 1,100 to an estimated 39,300 in mid-October. The unemployment rate moved up slightly to 5.5 percent.

Average Hours and Earnings, West Virginia Production Workers, Select Industries

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Prelim. Oct.'90	Revised Sep.'90	Revised Oct.'89	Prelim. Oct.'90	Revised Sep.'90	Revised Oct.'89	Prelim. Oct.'90	Revised Sep.'90	Revised Oct.'89
Manufacturing	$476.64	$475.53	$462.56	40.6	41.1	41.3	$11.74	$11.57	$11.20
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	442.52	457.65	428.40	39.3	39.9	40.0	11.26	11.47	10.71
Primary Metals Industries	631.19	629.15	574.56	43.5	43.6	42.0	14.51	14.43	13.68
Fabricated Metal Products	409.13	418.55	419.00	37.5	39.3	38.3	10.91	10.65	10.94
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	451.63	460.98	459.20	38.7	39.0	40.0	11.67	11.82	11.48
Electronic & Electrical Equipment	513.36	490.34	481.80	41.4	39.8	40.9	12.40	12.32	11.78
Chemical & Allied Products	751.89	700.67	719.36	46.1	44.8	46.5	16.31	15.64	15.47
Coal Mining	799.23	818.06	769.12	44.8	45.6	43.7	17.84	17.94	17.60
Construction	480.70	542.54	524.40	35.9	39.4	40.0	13.39	13.77	13.11

Statewide Nonagricultural Payroll Employment by Industry

(In Thousands – Not Seasonally Adjusted)

October 1990

	Prelim. Oct.'90	Revised Sep.'90	Revised Oct.'89	Change From: Sep. 1990	Change From: Oct. 1989
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL	627.0	622.1	622.8	4.9	4.2
GOODS PRODUCING	146.6	146.8	148.9	-0.2	-2.3
Mining	35.7	35.8	35.3	-0.1	0.4
Coal Mining	30.1	30.2	29.6	-0.1	0.5
Oil & Gas Extraction	4.5	4.5	4.6	0.0	-0.1
Other Mining	1.1	1.1	1.1	0.0	0.0
Construction	25.2	24.9	25.7	0.3	-0.5
General Building Contractors	7.0	6.6	7.2	0.4	-0.2
Heavy Construction	7.0	7.1	6.5	-0.1	0.5
Special Trade Contractors	11.2	11.2	12.0	0.0	-0.8
Manufacturing	85.7	86.1	87.9	-0.4	-2.2
Durable Goods	47.9	47.9	49.8	0.0	-1.9
Lumber, Wood Products & Furniture	7.5	7.5	7.5	0.0	0.0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	8.1	7.8	8.3	0.3	-0.2
Primary Metals Industries	14.4	14.6	14.9	-0.2	-0.5
Fabricated Metal Products	5.1	5.0	5.4	0.1	-0.3
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	5.6	5.6	6.0	0.0	-0.4
Electronic & Electrical Equipment	2.4	2.5	2.6	-0.1	-0.2
Transportation Equipment	2.4	2.5	2.6	-0.1	-0.2
Other Durable Goods	2.4	2.4	2.5	0.0	-0.1
Nondurable Goods	37.8	38.2	38.1	-0.4	-0.3
Food & Kindred Products	4.5	4.5	4.1	0.0	0.4
Textile Mill Products	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.0	0.0
Apparel & Other Textile Products	4.1	4.1	4.4	0.0	-0.3
Paper & Allied Products	1.3	1.1	1.5	0.2	-0.2
Printing & Publishing	5.1	5.1	4.9	0.0	0.2
Chemical & Allied Products	17.5	18.0	17.8	-0.5	-0.3
Other Nondurable Goods	4.4	4.5	4.5	-0.1	-0.1
SERVICE PRODUCING	480.4	475.3	473.9	5.1	6.5
Transportation & Public Utilities	36.6	36.7	37.0	-0.1	-0.4
Railroad Transportation	3.9	3.9	4.1	0.0	-0.2
Trucking & Warehousing	8.8	8.9	9.1	-0.1	-0.3
Other Transportation	3.5	3.5	3.4	0.0	0.1
Communications	8.1	8.1	8.1	0.0	0.0
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	12.3	12.3	12.3	0.0	0.0
Trade	147.1	147.3	146.7	-0.2	0.4
Wholesale Trade	30.5	30.6	30.5	-0.1	0.0
Retail Trade	116.6	116.7	116.2	-0.1	0.4
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	5.3	5.3	5.2	0.0	0.1
General Merchandise Stores	16.8	16.5	19.2	0.3	-2.4
Food Stores	23.1	22.8	22.9	0.3	0.2
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	14.7	14.8	14.5	-0.1	0.2
Apparel & Accessory Stores	6.5	6.5	5.3	0.0	1.2
Home Furniture & Equipment Stores	4.7	4.8	4.6	-0.1	0.1
Eating & Drinking Places	34.5	35.2	33.5	-0.7	1.0
Miscellaneous Retail	11.0	10.8	11.0	0.2	0.0
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	24.3	24.5	24.1	-0.2	0.2
Finance	13.7	13.7	13.6	0.0	0.1
Insurance	6.5	6.6	6.4	-0.1	0.1
Real Estate	4.1	4.2	4.1	-0.1	0.0
Services	147.0	145.9	139.6	1.1	7.4
Agricultural Services	2.6	2.8	2.0	-0.2	0.6
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	9.0	9.2	8.1	-0.2	0.9
Personal Services	5.9	5.9	6.2	0.0	-0.3
Business Services	13.7	13.9	13.4	-0.2	0.3
Automotive & Miscellaneous Repair Services	6.0	6.0	5.8	0.0	0.2
Amusements, incl. Motion Pictures	6.1	6.5	6.1	-0.4	0.0
Health Services	56.0	55.6	53.0	0.4	3.0
Nursing & Personal Care Homes	10.4	10.2	9.7	0.2	0.7
Hospitals	28.4	28.2	26.9	0.2	1.5
Other Health Services	17.2	17.2	16.4	0.0	0.8
Legal Services	3.9	3.8	3.5	0.1	0.4
Educational Services	6.2	4.9	5.6	1.3	0.6
Social Services	9.3	9.1	8.3	0.2	1.0
Membership Organizations	19.7	19.7	19.5	0.0	0.2
Engineering & Management Services	7.6	7.5	7.1	0.1	0.5
Government	125.4	120.9	126.5	4.5	-1.1
Federal	15.6	15.6	16.1	0.0	-0.5
Hospitals	2.9	2.9	2.9	0.0	0.0
U S Postal Service	4.9	4.9	5.2	0.0	-0.3
Other Federal	7.8	7.8	8.0	0.0	-0.2
State	40.1	36.9	39.7	3.2	0.4
Hospitals	2.8	2.7	2.9	0.1	-0.1
Education	18.7	15.3	17.7	3.4	1.0
Other State	18.6	18.9	19.1	-0.3	-0.5
Local	69.7	68.4	70.7	1.3	-1.0
Hospitals	4.9	4.9	4.8	0.0	0.1
Education	45.4	43.8	46.1	1.6	-0.7
Other Local	19.4	19.7	19.8	-0.3	-0.4
Total Private Sector	501.6	501.2	496.3	0.4	5.3
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.7	0.7	0.7	xx	xx

Women Workers
Statewide Nonagricultural Payroll Employment by Industry

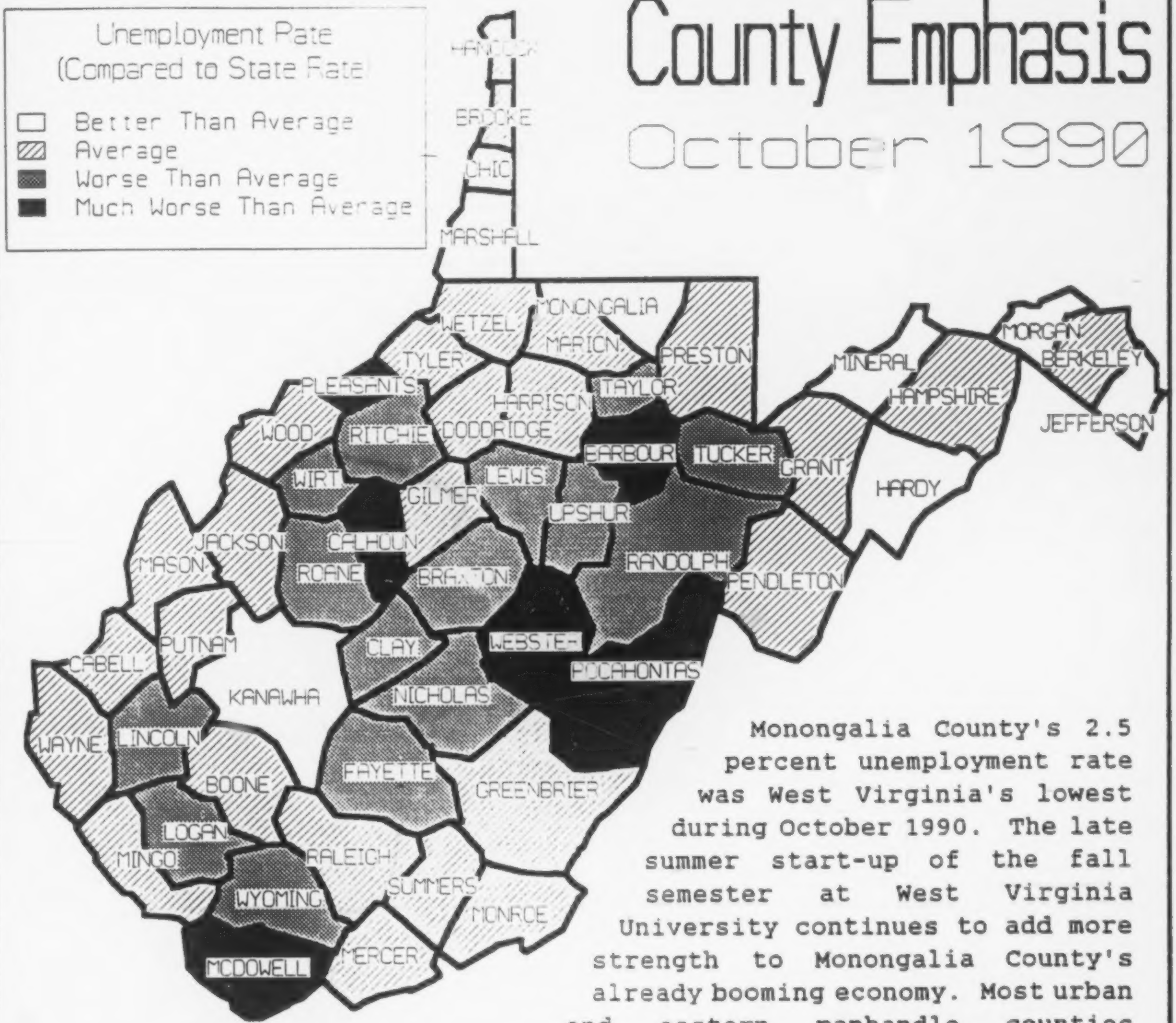
(In Thousands – Not Seasonally Adjusted)

October 1990

				Change From:	
	Prelim. Oct.'90	Revised Sep.'90	Revised Oct.'89	Sep. 1990	Oct. 1989
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL	274.2	270.8	258.9	3.4	15.3
GOODS PRODUCING	24.0	23.9	24.1	0.1	-0.1
Mining	2.0	2.0	2.0	0.0	0.0
Coal Mining	1.1	1.1	1.1	0.0	0.0
Oil & Gas Extraction	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.0	0.0
Construction	2.0	2.0	1.8	0.0	0.2
General Building Contractors	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.0	0.0
Heavy Construction	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.0	0.1
Special Trade Contractors	1.1	1.1	1.0	0.0	0.1
Manufacturing	20.0	19.9	20.3	0.1	-0.3
Durable Goods	7.8	7.7	8.1	0.1	-0.3
Lumber, Wood Products & Furniture	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.0	0.0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	2.4	2.3	2.4	0.1	0.0
Primary Metals Industries	1.1	1.1	1.2	0.0	-0.1
Fabricated Metal Products	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.0	-0.1
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.0	-0.1
Electronic & Electrical Equipment	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.0	0.0
Transportation Equipment	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.0	0.0
Other Durable Goods	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.0	0.0
Nondurable Goods	12.2	12.2	12.2	0.0	0.0
Food & Kindred Products	1.2	1.2	0.9	0.0	0.3
Textile Mill Products	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.0	0.0
Apparel & Other Textile Products	3.4	3.4	3.5	0.0	-0.1
Paper & Allied Products	0.5	0.4	0.7	0.1	-0.2
Printing & Publishing	1.8	1.8	1.7	0.0	0.1
Chemical & Allied Products	3.0	3.1	2.9	-0.1	0.1
Other Nondurable Goods	1.7	1.7	1.9	0.0	-0.2
SERVICE PRODUCING	250.2	246.9	234.8	3.3	15.4
Transportation & Public Utilities	7.9	8.0	7.8	-0.1	0.1
Trucking & Warehousing	0.8	0.9	0.9	-0.1	-0.1
Other Transportation	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.0	0.1
Communications	3.6	3.6	3.6	0.0	0.0
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	2.4	2.4	2.3	0.0	0.1
Trade	68.0	67.5	61.4	0.5	6.6
Wholesale Trade	5.7	5.6	5.4	0.1	0.3
Retail Trade	62.3	61.9	56.0	0.4	6.3
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.0	0.1
General Merchandise Stores	11.2	11.0	11.2	0.2	0.0
Food Stores	11.9	11.7	10.1	0.2	1.8
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	3.4	3.4	3.0	0.0	0.4
Apparel & Accessory Stores	5.4	5.4	4.2	0.0	1.2
Home Furniture & Equipment Stores	1.6	1.6	1.6	0.0	0.0
Eating & Drinking Places	19.8	20.0	17.5	-0.2	2.3
Miscellaneous Retail	8.1	7.9	7.6	0.2	0.5
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	15.0	15.1	15.3	-0.1	-0.3
Finance	10.5	10.5	9.9	0.0	0.6
Insurance	2.9	3.0	3.4	-0.1	-0.5
Real Estate	1.6	1.6	2.0	0.0	-0.4
Services	94.0	93.4	88.2	0.6	5.8
Agricultural Services	1.0	1.1	0.8	-0.1	0.2
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	4.7	4.8	3.8	-0.1	0.9
Personal Services	3.7	3.6	3.2	0.1	0.5
Business Services	6.7	6.9	6.0	-0.2	0.7
Automotive & Miscellaneous Repair Services	1.0	1.1	1.2	-0.1	-0.2
Amusements, incl. Motion Pictures	2.8	3.0	2.6	-0.2	0.2
Health Services	45.6	45.4	43.1	0.2	2.5
Nursing & Personal Care Homes	9.0	8.8	7.6	0.2	1.4
Hospitals	23.2	23.0	22.0	0.2	1.2
Other Health Services	13.4	13.6	13.5	-0.2	-0.1
Legal Services	3.1	3.0	2.8	0.1	0.3
Educational Services	3.5	2.8	3.1	0.7	0.4
Social Services	6.6	6.4	5.8	0.2	0.8
Membership Organizations	12.0	11.9	12.2	0.1	-0.2
Engineering & Management Services	2.7	2.7	2.9	0.0	-0.2
Government	65.3	62.9	62.1	2.4	3.2
Federal	6.7	6.6	6.7	0.1	0.0
Hospitals	1.6	1.6	1.6	0.0	0.0
U S Postal Service	1.3	1.3	1.3	0.0	0.0
Other Federal	3.8	3.7	3.8	0.1	0.0
State	18.6	17.0	17.6	1.6	1.0
Hospitals	1.9	1.9	2.0	0.0	-0.1
Education	9.7	7.9	7.9	1.8	1.8
Other State	7.0	7.2	7.7	-0.2	-0.7
Local	40.0	39.3	37.8	0.7	2.2
Hospitals	4.1	4.1	3.9	0.0	0.2
Education	29.2	28.4	27.4	0.8	1.8
Other Local	6.7	6.8	6.5	-0.1	0.2
Total Private Sector	208.9	207.9	196.8	1.0	12.1

County Emphasis

October 1990


Unemployment Rate
(Compared to State Rate)
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MORGAN
BERKELEY
HAMPSHIRE
JEFFERSON
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CLAY
PUTNAM
CABELL
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MINGO
RALEIGH
SUMMERS
WYOMING
MONROE
MERCER
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Monongalia County's 2.5 percent unemployment rate was West Virginia's lowest during October 1990. The late summer start-up of the fall semester at West Virginia University continues to add more strength to Monongalia County's already booming economy. Most urban and eastern panhandle counties recorded unemployment rates that were below the statewide figure of 5.5 percent. Of the 19 counties that experienced rates below the state rate, seven were in the eastern panhandle area. Surprisingly, Ohio County, in the state's northern panhandle, recorded an unemployment rate of only 3.0 percent.

Unemployment rates above the statewide figure during October were experienced in the central, north central and southern coal field regions of West Virginia. Webster County recorded the highest unemployment (14.7 percent) during October 1990. Other counties recording double digit unemployment rates were Pleasants (11.2), McDowell (10.7), Pocahontas (10.3) and Calhoun (10.1).

West Virginia Labor Force Statistics by County

*(WV Series Labor Force Data -- as calculated by the WV Division of Employment Security)**

October 1990
(Revised September 1990 in parentheses)

THESE LABOR FORCE STATISTICS WERE DESIGNED TO BE USED FOR ECONOMIC ANALYSIS

County	Civilian Labor Force		Employment		Unemployment		Unemployment As Percent of Civilian Labor Force	
Barbour	4,930	(4,710)	4,440	(4,280)	480	(430)	9.8	(9.2)
Berkeley	26,640	(26,200)	25,390	(25,070)	1,250	(1,130)	4.7	(4.3)
Boone	7,770	(7,750)	7,350	(7,290)	420	(470)	5.4	(6.0)
Braxton	5,490	(5,370)	5,070	(5,040)	420	(330)	7.6	(6.2)
Brooke	10,520	(10,390)	9,970	(9,880)	550	(510)	5.2	(4.9)
Cabell	42,750	(41,660)	40,730	(40,070)	2,020	(1,590)	4.7	(3.8)
Calhoun	2,990	(3,030)	2,690	(2,740)	300	(290)	10.1	(9.6)
Clay	2,620	(2,660)	2,370	(2,390)	250	(270)	9.5	(10.0)
Doddridge	2,320	(2,330)	2,210	(2,170)	110	(170)	4.6	(7.1)
Fayette	16,720	(16,430)	15,500	(15,260)	1,220	(1,170)	7.3	(7.1)
Gilmer	2,990	(2,740)	2,820	(2,610)	170	(120)	5.7	(4.5)
Grant	4,210	(4,050)	3,990	(3,790)	230	(250)	5.4	(6.2)
Greenbrier	14,540	(14,570)	13,640	(13,600)	910	(970)	6.2	(6.7)
Hampshire	6,650	(6,690)	6,260	(6,190)	400	(500)	6.0	(7.5)
Hancock	14,070	(13,820)	13,350	(13,240)	720	(580)	5.1	(4.2)
Hardy	5,700	(5,650)	5,490	(5,480)	210	(170)	3.7	(3.0)
Harrison	28,750	(28,280)	27,110	(26,580)	1,650	(1,700)	5.7	(6.0)
Jackson	9,000	(8,850)	8,440	(8,250)	560	(590)	6.2	(6.7)
Jefferson	19,610	(19,050)	18,860	(18,450)	750	(600)	3.8	(3.1)
Kanawha	96,410	(95,730)	92,690	(91,970)	3,710	(3,760)	3.9	(3.9)
Lewis	6,750	(6,800)	6,300	(6,260)	450	(540)	6.7	(8.0)
Lincoln	7,140	(7,050)	6,480	(6,420)	670	(630)	9.3	(9.0)
Logan	12,950	(12,750)	11,910	(11,750)	1,040	(1,000)	8.0	(7.8)
McDowell	6,270	(6,230)	5,600	(5,490)	670	(740)	10.7	(11.9)
Marion	21,410	(21,080)	20,160	(19,930)	1,250	(1,150)	5.8	(5.5)
Marshall	14,420	(14,280)	13,830	(13,640)	590	(630)	4.1	(4.4)
Mason	8,160	(8,240)	7,650	(7,640)	510	(600)	6.2	(7.3)
Mercer	25,900	(25,540)	24,480	(24,190)	1,430	(1,360)	5.5	(5.3)
Mineral	10,410	(10,390)	10,080	(9,970)	330	(420)	3.2	(4.1)
Mingo	9,950	(10,160)	9,320	(9,510)	630	(650)	6.3	(6.4)
Monongalia	38,340	(37,840)	37,390	(36,970)	950	(870)	2.5	(2.3)
Monroe	5,050	(5,040)	4,810	(4,790)	250	(250)	4.9	(5.0)
Morgan	4,990	(5,000)	4,820	(4,750)	160	(250)	3.3	(5.0)
Nicholas	8,470	(8,580)	7,670	(7,710)	800	(870)	9.4	(10.1)
Ohio	24,150	(23,850)	23,430	(23,120)	720	(740)	3.0	(3.1)
Pendleton	3,900	(3,950)	3,720	(3,850)	180	(100)	4.5	(2.5)
Pleasants	2,260	(2,270)	2,010	(2,080)	250	(200)	11.2	(8.6)
Pocahontas	4,400	(4,330)	3,940	(3,890)	460	(440)	10.3	(10.2)
Preston	12,390	(12,150)	11,650	(11,520)	740	(630)	6.0	(5.2)
Putnam	16,620	(16,180)	15,550	(15,430)	1,080	(750)	6.5	(4.6)
Raleigh	26,470	(26,180)	24,860	(24,600)	1,610	(1,580)	6.1	(6.0)
Randolph	11,550	(11,280)	10,460	(10,280)	1,090	(1,010)	9.5	(8.9)
Ritchie	4,830	(4,830)	4,500	(4,440)	330	(390)	6.8	(8.1)
Roane	4,530	(4,530)	4,110	(4,100)	420	(430)	9.2	(9.4)
Summers	4,040	(4,060)	3,810	(3,840)	240	(220)	5.9	(5.5)
Taylor	5,750	(5,560)	5,310	(5,210)	440	(360)	7.7	(6.4)
Tucker	3,870	(3,850)	3,570	(3,580)	300	(280)	7.6	(7.1)
Tyler	4,480	(4,510)	4,230	(4,230)	250	(280)	5.7	(6.1)
Upshur	8,600	(7,910)	7,970	(7,360)	630	(540)	7.3	(6.9)
Wayne	15,560	(15,150)	14,610	(14,380)	950	(780)	6.1	(5.1)
Webster	2,950	(2,950)	2,520	(2,530)	430	(430)	14.7	(14.4)
Wetzel	8,700	(8,750)	8,270	(8,280)	430	(470)	4.9	(5.4)
Wirt	2,490	(2,510)	2,280	(2,260)	210	(250)	8.5	(10.0)
Wood	40,800	(40,370)	38,760	(38,220)	2,040	(2,150)	5.0	(5.3)
Wyoming	6,730	(6,570)	6,190	(5,950)	530	(630)	7.9	(9.5)

All data have been revised to March 1989 benchmark.

*The West Virginia Division of Employment Security and the U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics use different methodologies in calculating the unemployment rate.

West Virginia Labor Force Statistics by County

*(BLS Series Labor Force Data – Using U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics Methodology)**

October 1990
(Revised September 1990 in parentheses)

APPROVED BY THE U. S. BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS TO ALLOCATE FEDERAL FUNDS
AND DETERMINE ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

County	Civilian Labor Force		Employment		Unemployment		Unemployment As Percent of Civilian Labor Force	
Barbour	5,360	(5,210)	4,590	(4,430)	770	(780)	14.3	(15.0)
Berkeley	28,240	(27,990)	26,260	(25,950)	1,980	(2,040)	7.0	(7.3)
Boone	8,260	(8,390)	7,600	(7,540)	660	(840)	8.0	(10.1)
Braxton	5,910	(5,810)	5,250	(5,210)	660	(600)	11.1	(10.3)
Brooke	11,180	(11,140)	10,310	(10,230)	870	(920)	7.8	(8.2)
Cabell	45,320	(44,350)	42,120	(41,480)	3,200	(2,870)	7.1	(6.5)
Calhoun	3,260	(3,360)	2,780	(2,830)	480	(530)	14.6	(15.7)
Clay	2,850	(2,960)	2,460	(2,480)	390	(480)	13.8	(16.3)
Doddridge	2,460	(2,540)	2,290	(2,250)	170	(300)	6.8	(11.7)
Fayette	17,950	(17,910)	16,030	(15,800)	1,920	(2,120)	10.7	(11.8)
Gilmer	3,190	(2,930)	2,920	(2,710)	270	(220)	8.5	(7.6)
Grant	4,480	(4,380)	4,120	(3,930)	360	(450)	8.1	(10.4)
Greenbrier	15,540	(15,840)	14,100	(14,080)	1,440	(1,760)	9.2	(11.1)
Hampshire	7,100	(7,310)	6,470	(6,400)	630	(910)	8.8	(12.4)
Hancock	14,950	(14,750)	13,810	(13,700)	1,140	(1,050)	7.6	(7.1)
Hardy	6,010	(5,980)	5,680	(5,680)	330	(310)	5.5	(5.1)
Harrison	30,630	(30,590)	28,030	(27,510)	2,600	(3,070)	8.5	(10.1)
Jackson	9,620	(9,620)	8,730	(8,540)	890	(1,070)	9.2	(11.1)
Jefferson	20,690	(20,180)	19,510	(19,100)	1,180	(1,080)	5.7	(5.3)
Kanawha	101,740	(101,990)	95,860	(95,200)	5,880	(6,800)	5.8	(6.7)
Lewis	7,230	(7,460)	6,520	(6,470)	710	(980)	9.9	(13.2)
Lincoln	7,750	(7,790)	6,700	(6,640)	1,050	(1,140)	13.6	(14.7)
Logan	13,970	(13,970)	12,320	(12,160)	1,650	(1,800)	11.8	(12.9)
McDowell	6,850	(7,020)	5,790	(5,680)	1,060	(1,340)	15.5	(19.1)
Marion	22,820	(22,710)	20,850	(20,620)	1,970	(2,090)	8.6	(9.2)
Marshall	15,240	(15,270)	14,300	(14,120)	940	(1,140)	6.1	(7.5)
Mason	8,710	(8,990)	7,910	(7,910)	800	(1,090)	9.2	(12.1)
Mercer	27,570	(27,490)	25,310	(25,040)	2,250	(2,450)	8.2	(8.9)
Mineral	10,950	(11,090)	10,430	(10,320)	520	(770)	4.8	(6.9)
Mingo	10,640	(11,030)	9,640	(9,840)	1,000	(1,180)	9.4	(10.7)
Monongalia	40,170	(39,840)	38,670	(38,260)	1,500	(1,580)	3.7	(4.0)
Monroe	5,360	(5,410)	4,970	(4,960)	390	(450)	7.3	(8.4)
Morgan	5,250	(5,370)	4,990	(4,920)	260	(450)	4.9	(8.4)
Nicholas	9,190	(9,550)	7,940	(7,980)	1,260	(1,570)	13.7	(16.4)
Ohio	25,370	(25,260)	24,230	(23,930)	1,140	(1,330)	4.5	(5.3)
Pendleton	4,130	(4,160)	3,850	(3,980)	280	(180)	6.7	(4.3)
Pleasants	2,480	(2,510)	2,080	(2,150)	400	(360)	16.1	(14.2)
Pocahontas	4,800	(4,820)	4,080	(4,020)	720	(800)	15.0	(16.5)
Preston	13,220	(13,060)	12,050	(11,920)	1,170	(1,140)	8.9	(8.8)
Putnam	17,780	(17,330)	16,080	(15,970)	1,700	(1,360)	9.6	(7.8)
Raleigh	28,250	(28,320)	25,710	(25,460)	2,540	(2,860)	9.0	(10.1)
Randolph	12,540	(12,460)	10,810	(10,640)	1,730	(1,820)	13.8	(14.6)
Ritchie	5,170	(5,300)	4,650	(4,590)	520	(710)	10.1	(13.3)
Roane	4,920	(5,010)	4,260	(4,240)	660	(770)	13.4	(15.4)
Summers	4,310	(4,380)	3,940	(3,980)	380	(400)	8.7	(9.2)
Taylor	6,190	(6,030)	5,490	(5,390)	700	(640)	11.3	(10.6)
Tucker	4,160	(4,200)	3,700	(3,710)	470	(500)	11.2	(11.8)
Tyler	4,780	(4,880)	4,380	(4,380)	400	(500)	8.4	(10.3)
Upshur	9,230	(8,600)	8,240	(7,620)	990	(980)	10.8	(11.4)
Wayne	16,620	(16,290)	15,110	(14,880)	1,510	(1,410)	9.1	(8.6)
Webster	3,290	(3,390)	2,600	(2,620)	690	(770)	20.9	(22.7)
Wetzel	9,230	(9,430)	8,550	(8,570)	680	(860)	7.4	(9.1)
Wirt	2,690	(2,790)	2,360	(2,340)	340	(450)	12.4	(16.3)
Wood	43,320	(43,450)	40,090	(39,560)	3,230	(3,890)	7.4	(8.9)
Wyoming	7,250	(7,290)	6,400	(6,160)	840	(1,130)	11.6	(15.5)

All data have been revised to March 1989 benchmark.

*Calculated according to Current Population Survey adjusted to BLS procedures.

West Virginia Labor Force Statistics by Local Area

WV Series Labor Force Data
(In Thousands – Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Oct.'90	Revised Sep.'90	Revised Oct.'89
Charleston MSA			
Labor Force	113.0	111.9	108.1
Employment	108.2	107.4	103.9
Unemployment	4.8	4.5	4.2
Rate (%)	4.2	4.0	3.9
Huntington - Ashland - Ironton MSA			
Labor Force	125.7	123.2	124.5
Employment	120.2	118.5	120.5
Unemployment	5.5	4.7	4.1
Rate (%)	4.4	3.8	3.3
Parkersburg - Marietta MSA			
Labor Force	69.4	68.7	68.2
Employment	66.6	65.8	65.8
Unemployment	2.8	3.0	2.4
Rate (%)	4.1	4.3	3.6
Wheeling - Bridgeport MSA			
Labor Force	68.9	68.2	67.5
Employment	66.9	66.1	65.3
Unemployment	2.0	2.1	2.2
Rate (%)	3.0	3.0	3.2
Clarksburg LMA			
Labor Force	36.8	36.2	35.6
Employment	34.6	34.0	33.5
Unemployment	2.2	2.2	2.0
Rate (%)	6.0	6.1	5.7
Gauley LMA			
Labor Force	11.4	11.5	12.1
Employment	10.2	10.2	11.0
Unemployment	1.2	1.3	1.1
Rate (%)	10.8	11.2	9.0
Morgantown - Kingwood LMA			
Labor Force	50.7	50.0	49.6
Employment	49.0	48.5	48.2
Unemployment	1.7	1.5	1.3
Rate (%)	3.3	3.0	2.7
New Martinsville LMA			
Labor Force	13.2	13.3	13.5
Employment	12.5	12.5	12.6
Unemployment	0.7	0.8	0.8
Rate (%)	5.2	5.7	6.2
Ronceverte - White Sulphur Springs LMA			
Labor Force	19.6	19.6	19.3
Employment	18.4	18.4	18.4
Unemployment	1.2	1.2	1.0
Rate (%)	5.9	6.2	5.0

BLS Series Labor Force Data
(In Thousands – Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Oct.'90	Revised Sep.'90	Revised Oct.'89
Charleston MSA			
Labor Force	119.5	119.3	117.6
Employment	111.9	111.2	109.0
Unemployment	7.6	8.2	8.6
Rate (%)	6.3	6.8	7.3
Huntington - Ashland - Ironton MSA			
Labor Force	131.3	128.9	131.6
Employment	122.4	120.7	123.7
Unemployment	8.9	8.3	7.9
Rate (%)	6.8	6.4	6.0
Parkersburg - Marietta MSA			
Labor Force	73.1	72.9	73.6
Employment	68.4	67.6	68.6
Unemployment	4.7	5.3	5.0
Rate (%)	6.5	7.3	6.8
Wheeling - Bridgeport MSA			
Labor Force	72.1	71.6	72.7
Employment	68.7	67.9	68.1
Unemployment	3.4	3.7	4.5
Rate (%)	4.8	5.2	6.2
Clarksburg LMA			
Labor Force	39.3	39.2	39.3
Employment	35.8	35.1	35.2
Unemployment	3.5	4.0	4.1
Rate (%)	8.8	10.2	10.5
Gauley LMA			
Labor Force	12.5	12.9	13.8
Employment	10.5	10.6	11.6
Unemployment	1.9	2.3	2.2
Rate (%)	15.6	18.1	16.0
Morgantown - Kingwood LMA			
Labor Force	53.4	52.9	53.3
Employment	50.7	50.2	50.6
Unemployment	2.7	2.7	2.7
Rate (%)	5.0	5.1	5.0
New Martinsville LMA			
Labor Force	14.0	14.3	15.0
Employment	12.9	13.0	13.3
Unemployment	1.1	1.4	1.7
Rate (%)	7.7	9.5	11.2
Ronceverte - White Sulphur Springs LMA			
Labor Force	20.9	21.3	21.2
Employment	19.1	19.0	19.3
Unemployment	1.8	2.2	2.0
Rate (%)	8.7	10.4	9.2

Charleston Metropolitan Statistical Area

(Counties of Kanawha and Putnam, West Virginia)

HIGHLIGHTS

EMPLOYMENT: Total nonagricultural payroll employment in the Charleston Metropolitan Statistical Area declined slightly (-200) during October 1990. In the goods-producing sector declines were noted in mining (-100) and manufacturing (-400), with the only increase being in construction (+200). The service-producing sector showed an increase in retail trade (+300) and declines in transportation and public utilities (-100) and health services (-100). Comparison with year-ago October 1989 data reveals an increase of 3,700 jobs. Major increases appeared in construction (+1,700), retail trade (+1,100), and services (+1,300).

UNEMPLOYMENT: Total unemployment increased during October 1990 (+300) in the Charleston MSA. The unemployment rate also rose from 4.0 percent to 4.2 percent of the civilian labor force. Comparison with year-ago data reveals a 600 increase in total unemployment, while the corresponding unemployment rate increased from 3.9 percent.

WV Series Labor Force Data
(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Oct.'90	Revised Sep.'90	Revised Oct.'89
Labor Force	113.0	111.9	108.1
Employment	108.2	107.4	103.9
Unemployment	4.8	4.5	4.2
Rate (%)	4.2	4.0	3.9

BLS Series Labor Force Data
(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Oct.'90	Revised Sep.'90	Revised Oct.'89
Labor Force	119.5	119.3	117.6
Employment	111.9	111.2	109.0
Unemployment	7.6	8.2	8.6
Rate (%)	6.3	6.8	7.3

NONAGRICULTURAL PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

	Prelim. Oct.'90	Revised Sep.'90	Revised Oct.'89	Change From: Sep. 1990	Oct. 1989
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL	112.7	112.9	109.0	-0.2	3.7
GOODS PRODUCING	18.4	18.7	16.7	-0.3	1.7
Mining	1.9	2.0	1.9	-0.1	0.0
Construction	5.9	5.7	4.2	0.2	1.7
Manufacturing	10.6	11.0	10.6	-0.4	0.0
Durable Goods	1.6	1.6	1.5	0.0	0.1
Nondurable Goods	9.0	9.4	9.1	-0.4	-0.1
Chemical & Allied Products	7.5	7.9	7.8	-0.4	-0.3
Other Nondurable Goods	1.5	1.5	1.3	0.0	0.2
SERVICE PRODUCING	94.3	94.2	92.3	0.1	2.0
Transportation & Public Utilities	9.1	9.2	9.1	-0.1	0.0
Trade	30.3	30.0	29.1	0.3	1.2
Wholesale Trade	7.3	7.3	7.2	0.0	0.1
Retail Trade	23.0	22.7	21.9	0.3	1.1
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	6.2	6.2	6.3	0.0	-0.1
Services	28.8	28.9	27.5	-0.1	1.3
Health Services	10.7	10.8	10.3	-0.1	0.4
Government	19.9	19.9	20.3	0.0	-0.4
Federal	1.7	1.7	1.7	0.0	0.0
State	9.6	9.7	9.9	-0.1	-0.3
Local	8.6	8.5	8.7	0.1	-0.1
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.4	0.1	0.0	xx	xx

Average Hours and Earnings of Production Workers in Manufacturing

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Prelim. Oct.'90	Revised Sep.'90	Revised Oct.'89	Prelim. Oct.'90	Revised Sep.'90	Revised Oct.'89	Prelim. Oct.'90	Revised Sep.'90	Revised Oct.'89
Manufacturing	$650.26	$614.27	$622.17	45.6	45.3	44.6	$14.26	$13.56	$13.95
Nondurable Goods	696.57	640.09	663.65	46.5	45.3	45.3	14.98	14.13	14.65
Chemical & Allied Products	806.56	731.64	746.22	48.5	46.9	47.2	16.63	15.60	15.81

Huntington-Ashland-Ironton Metropolitan Statistical Area

(Counties of Cabell and Wayne, West Virginia;
Boyd, Carter and Greenup, Kentucky; Lawrence, Ohio)

HIGHLIGHTS

EMPLOYMENT: Total nonagricultural payroll employment increased by 1,100 during October in the Huntington-Ashland-Ironton MSA. Much of the increase occurred in the service-producing sector in government. State government increased by 400 and local government added 700. The increase in government reflects student workers in state and local government. Both are seasonal fluctuations. The goods-producing sector lost 200 during October primarily in construction (-100) and manufacturing (-100). Over the year nonagricultural employment fell by 800. The service-producing sector increased by 800, but the goods-producing sector declined by 1,600 jobs.

UNEMPLOYMENT: Total unemployment increased (+800) during October 1990. The current level of unemployment experienced during October 1990 is 1,400 higher during October 1989. The unemployment rate for October 1990 is 4.4 percent compared to 3.3 percent for October 1989.

WV Series Labor Force Data
(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Oct.'90	Revised Sep.'90	Revised Oct.'89
Labor Force	125.7	123.2	124.5
Employment	120.2	118.5	120.5
Unemployment	5.5	4.7	4.1
Rate (%)	4.4	3.8	3.3

BLS Series Labor Force Data
(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Oct.'90	Revised Sep.'90	Revised Oct.'89
Labor Force	131.3	128.9	131.6
Employment	122.4	120.7	123.7
Unemployment	8.9	8.3	7.9
Rate (%)	6.8	6.4	6.0

NONAGRICULTURAL PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

	Prelim. Oct.'90	Revised Sep.'90	Revised Oct.'89	Change From: Sep. 1990	Change From: Oct. 1989
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL	111.5	110.4	112.3	1.1	-0.8
GOODS PRODUCING	27.2	27.4	28.8	-0.2	-1.6
Mining	1.7	1.7	1.4	0.0	0.3
Construction	5.0	5.1	6.7	-0.1	-1.7
Manufacturing	20.5	20.6	20.7	-0.1	-0.2
Durable Goods	12.0	12.2	12.2	-0.2	-0.2
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	1.6	1.7	1.7	-0.1	-0.1
Primary Metals Industries	7.7	7.7	7.7	0.0	0.0
Other Durable Goods	2.7	2.8	2.8	-0.1	-0.1
Nondurable Goods	8.5	8.4	8.5	0.1	0.0
Apparel & Other Textile Products	1.5	1.5	1.7	0.0	-0.2
Chemical & Allied Products	4.6	4.5	4.5	0.1	0.1
Other Nondurable Goods	2.4	2.4	2.3	0.0	0.1
SERVICE PRODUCING	84.3	83.0	83.5	1.3	0.8
Transportation & Public Utilities	8.0	8.0	8.1	0.0	-0.1
Trade	28.4	28.2	28.1	0.2	0.3
Wholesale Trade	5.5	5.5	5.5	0.0	0.0
Retail Trade	22.9	22.7	22.6	0.2	0.3
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	3.9	3.9	3.8	0.0	0.1
Services	24.7	24.7	24.2	0.0	0.5
Health Services	10.3	10.2	10.0	0.1	0.3
Government	19.3	18.2	19.3	1.1	0.0
Federal	2.8	2.8	2.8	0.0	0.0
State	5.0	4.6	5.1	0.4	-0.1
Local	11.5	10.8	11.4	0.7	0.1
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.0	xx	xx

Average Hours and Earnings of Production Workers in Manufacturing

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Prelim. Oct.'90	Revised Sep.'90	Revised Oct.'89	Prelim. Oct.'90	Revised Sep.'90	Revised Oct.'89	Prelim. Oct.'90	Revised Sep.'90	Revised Oct.'89
Manufacturing	$597.49	$553.36	$550.39	41.9	41.7	42.6	$14.26	$13.27	$12.92
Durable Goods	667.01	595.21	548.88	43.2	43.1	41.3	15.44	13.81	13.29
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	522.09	533.20	470.08	42.9	43.0	41.6	12.17	12.40	11.30
Primary Metals Industries	770.35	646.28	597.37	43.4	42.8	40.2	17.75	15.10	14.86
Nondurable Goods	495.20	491.49	550.91	40.0	39.7	44.8	12.38	12.38	12.30

Parkersburg-Marietta Metropolitan Statistical Area

(Counties of Wood, West Virginia; Washington, Ohio)

HIGHLIGHTS

EMPLOYMENT: Total nonagricultural payroll employment rose sharply (+800) during October 1990 in the Parkersburg-Marietta MSA. Goods-producing employment provided a picture of economic health increasing 500 over the previous month. Gains were realized in stone, clay and glass products (+300) as well as primary metals (+200). Service producing employment increased 300 with moderate advances posted in state (+200) and local (+200) government. By comparing total nonagricultural payroll employment to October year-ago reveals an improvement of 400 jobs. Goods-producing businesses did not participate in this progress however, absorbing a net loss of 600 for the year. A sharp fall in construction (-700) was unaffected by a gain (+100) in manufacturing. The service producing sector, on the other hand, added the most new jobs. Services (+500) was up noticeably while trade (+200) and state (+200) and local (+200) government edged upward.

UNEMPLOYMENT: The number of unemployed in the Parkersburg-Marietta MSA declines (-200) during October 1990. The unemployment rate reflected this movement by falling to 4.1 percent of the labor force. Compared to October 1989, the unemployment rate experienced an increase, rising from 3.6 to 4.1 percent.

WV Series Labor Force Data
(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Oct.'90	Revised Sep.'90	Revised Oct.'89
Labor Force	69.4	68.7	68.2
Employment	66.6	65.8	65.8
Unemployment	2.8	3.0	2.4
Rate (%)	4.1	4.3	3.6

BLS Series Labor Force Data
(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Oct.'90	Revised Sep.'90	Revised Oct.'89
Labor Force	73.1	72.9	73.6
Employment	68.4	67.6	68.6
Unemployment	4.7	5.3	5.0
Rate (%)	6.5	7.3	6.8

NONAGRICULTURAL PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

	Prelim. Oct.'90	Revised Sep.'90	Revised Oct.'89	Change From: Sep. 1990	Oct. 1989
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL	62.6	61.8	62.2	0.8	0.4
GOODS PRODUCING	17.7	17.2	18.3	0.5	-0.6
Mining	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.0	0.0
Construction	3.1	3.1	3.8	0.0	-0.7
Manufacturing	14.1	13.6	14.0	0.5	0.1
Durable Goods	7.0	6.5	7.0	0.5	0.0
Lumber, Wood Products & Furniture	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	1.7	1.4	1.8	0.3	-0.1
Primary Metals Industries	2.9	2.7	2.8	0.2	0.1
Other Durable Goods	1.4	1.4	1.4	0.0	0.0
Nondurable Goods	7.1	7.1	7.0	0.0	0.1
Chemical & Allied Products	5.3	5.3	5.2	0.0	0.1
Other Nondurable Goods	1.8	1.8	1.8	0.0	0.0
SERVICE PRODUCING	44.9	44.6	43.9	0.3	1.0
Transportation & Public Utilities	2.5	2.5	2.6	0.0	-0.1
Trade	15.3	15.4	15.1	-0.1	0.2
Wholesale Trade	2.8	2.8	2.9	0.0	-0.1
Retail Trade	12.5	12.6	12.2	-0.1	0.3
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	2.2	2.2	2.2	0.0	0.0
Services	15.1	15.1	14.6	0.0	0.5
Health Services	4.6	4.6	4.4	0.0	0.2
Government	9.8	9.4	9.4	0.4	0.4
Federal	1.7	1.7	1.7	0.0	0.0
State	1.3	1.1	1.1	0.2	0.2
Local	6.8	6.6	6.6	0.2	0.2
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.4	0.0	xx	xx

Average Hours and Earnings of Production Workers in Manufacturing

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Prelim. Oct.'90	Revised Sep.'90	Revised Oct.'89	Prelim. Oct.'90	Revised Sep.'90	Revised Oct.'89	Prelim. Oct.'90	Revised Sep.'90	Revised Oct.'89
Manufacturing	$560.73	$548.99	$561.16	41.2	41.0	43.1	$13.61	$13.39	$13.02
Durable Goods	466.80	447.68	482.10	38.2	38.1	41.1	12.22	11.75	11.73
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	561.17	568.06	525.74	43.3	43.1	43.2	12.96	13.18	12.17
Primary Metals Industries	464.20	417.62	527.36	35.3	34.6	41.2	13.15	12.07	12.80
Nondurable Goods	673.79	660.79	655.86	44.8	44.2	45.5	15.04	14.95	14.41

Wheeling-Bridgeport Metropolitan Statistical Area

(Counties of Marshall and Ohio, West Virginia; Belmont, Ohio)

HIGHLIGHTS

EMPLOYMENT: Total nonagricultural payroll employment increased by 600 during October 1990 in the Wheeling-Bridgeport MSA. This increase occurred primarily in the service-producing sector (+500), with total government up by 400 over the month. The goods-producing sector recorded only a slight increase (+100) during October 1990. Comparison with year-ago data reveals a significant increase of 1,400. Surprisingly, the goods-producing sector increased by some 800 jobs over the year, with manufacturing (+300), mining (+300) and construction (+200) all showing gains. The service-producing sector advanced 600 over the year, with total trade up by 400.

UNEMPLOYMENT: Total unemployment declined slightly (-100) during October 1990, while the corresponding unemployment rate remained unchanged at 3.0 percent of the civilian labor force. The current figure is slightly below the year-ago 3.2 percent.

WV Series Labor Force Data
(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Oct.'90	Revised Sep.'90	Revised Oct.'89
Labor Force	68.9	68.2	67.5
Employment	66.9	66.1	65.3
Unemployment	2.0	2.1	2.2
Rate (%)	3.0	3.0	3.2

BLS Series Labor Force Data
(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Oct.'90	Revised Sep.'90	Revised Oct.'89
Labor Force	72.1	71.6	72.7
Employment	68.7	67.9	68.1
Unemployment	3.4	3.7	4.5
Rate (%)	4.8	5.2	6.2

NONAGRICULTURAL PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

				Change From:	
	Prelim. Oct.'90	Revised Sep.'90	Revised Oct.'89	Sep. 1990	Oct. 1989
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL	62.0	61.4	60.6	0.6	1.4
GOODS PRODUCING	12.5	12.4	11.7	0.1	0.8
Mining	2.5	2.5	2.2	0.0	0.3
Construction	2.4	2.4	2.2	0.0	0.2
Manufacturing	7.6	7.5	7.3	0.1	0.3
Durable Goods	3.2	3.2	3.1	0.0	0.1
Nondurable Goods	4.4	4.3	4.2	0.1	0.2
SERVICE PRODUCING	49.5	49.0	48.9	0.5	0.6
Transportation & Public Utilities	3.4	3.4	3.5	0.0	-0.1
Trade	17.0	17.0	16.6	0.0	0.4
Wholesale Trade	2.9	2.9	2.8	0.0	0.1
Retail Trade	14.1	14.1	13.8	0.0	0.3
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	3.1	3.1	2.9	0.0	0.2
Services	16.8	16.7	16.6	0.1	0.2
Health Services	7.8	7.8	7.8	0.0	0.0
Government	9.2	8.8	9.3	0.4	-0.1
Federal	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.0	0.0
State	1.8	1.6	1.8	0.2	0.0
Local	6.7	6.5	6.8	0.2	-0.1
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.0	xx	xx

Average Hours and Earnings of Production Workers in Manufacturing

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Prelim. Oct.'90	Revised Sep.'90	Revised Oct.'89	Prelim. Oct.'90	Revised Sep.'90	Revised Oct.'89	Prelim. Oct.'90	Revised Sep.'90	Revised Oct.'89
Manufacturing	$591.65	$562.79	$553.28	43.6	42.7	42.3	$13.57	$13.18	$13.08
Nondurable Goods	660.77	597.20	605.63	43.5	41.3	42.5	15.19	14.46	14.25
Durable Goods	516.97	525.10	497.20	43.7	44.2	42.1	11.83	11.88	11.81

Applicants and Nonagricultural Job Openings in West Virginia Job Service Offices

Occupational Category	Applicants Available Program Year to Date 2/	Active File	NONAGRICULTURAL JOB OPENINGS Received Program Year to Date 2/	UNFILLED Total	UNFILLED 30 Days or More	FILLED Total	Applicant/ Openings Program Year to Date	Active File/ Unfilled Openings End of Month
TOTAL 3/	90,342	41,990	20,447	3,608	2,381	15,462	4.4	11.6
Professional, Technical & Managerial	8,717	4,532	474	176	104	166	18.4	25.8
Clerical & Sales	25,485	11,254	3,591	1,110	739	2,248	7.1	10.1
Services	11,257	4,638	2,805	677	367	1,658	4.0	6.9
Agricultural, Fishery & Forestry	643	251	67	8	5	39	9.6	31.4
Processing	5,741	3,237	370	167	58	210	15.5	19.4
Machine Trades	5,887	3,135	537	228	177	215	11.0	13.8
Benchwork	4,028	2,120	739	190	113	538	5.5	11.2
Structural Work	13,488	6,799	1,064	350	266	555	12.7	19.4
Miscellaneous	17,117	6,797	10,800	702	552	9,833	1.6	9.7
Transportation	3,752	2,016	453	164	83	194	8.3	12.3
Packaging & Materials Handling	11,512	3,723	10,222	489	425	9,550	1.1	7.6
Other 4/	1,853	1,058	125	49	44	89	14.8	21.6
Entry Total 5/	64	19	0	0	0	6/	xx	xx

1/ Source of Data: SAMS (State Employment Security Automated Management System); Table A96 containing fully registered applicants.

2/ Period Covered: July 1, 1990 through October 31, 1990. Program Year 1990 defined as July 1, 1990 through June 30, 1991.

3/ Total excludes invalid occupational data.

4/ Includes mining, logging, utilities, miscellaneous amusement and recreation, and graphic art work.

5/ Applicants for whom a complete occupational code cannot be assigned because of lack of training/experience.

Select Unemployment Compensation Claims Activities

State UI Program Activity	October 1990	September 1990	October 1989	Percent Change to October 1990 from: Sept. 1990	Oct. 1989
Total Initial Claims 1/	8,494	5,390	6,030	57.6	40.9
Total Continued Weeks	60,769	51,180	52,585	18.7	15.6
Total Benefits Paid	$7,350,434	$5,966,670	$6,014,734	23.2	22.2
Total Weeks Compensated	50,919	41,911	43,323	21.5	17.5
Average Weekly Payment	$144.36	$142.37	$138.83	1.4	4.0
Monthly Insured Unemployment Rate 2/	2.3	2.2	2.1	xx	xx
UC Fund Balance, End of Month	$155,076,011	$155,414,696	$143,902,677	-0.2	7.8

1/ Excluding transitional claims.

2/ Seasonally unadjusted.

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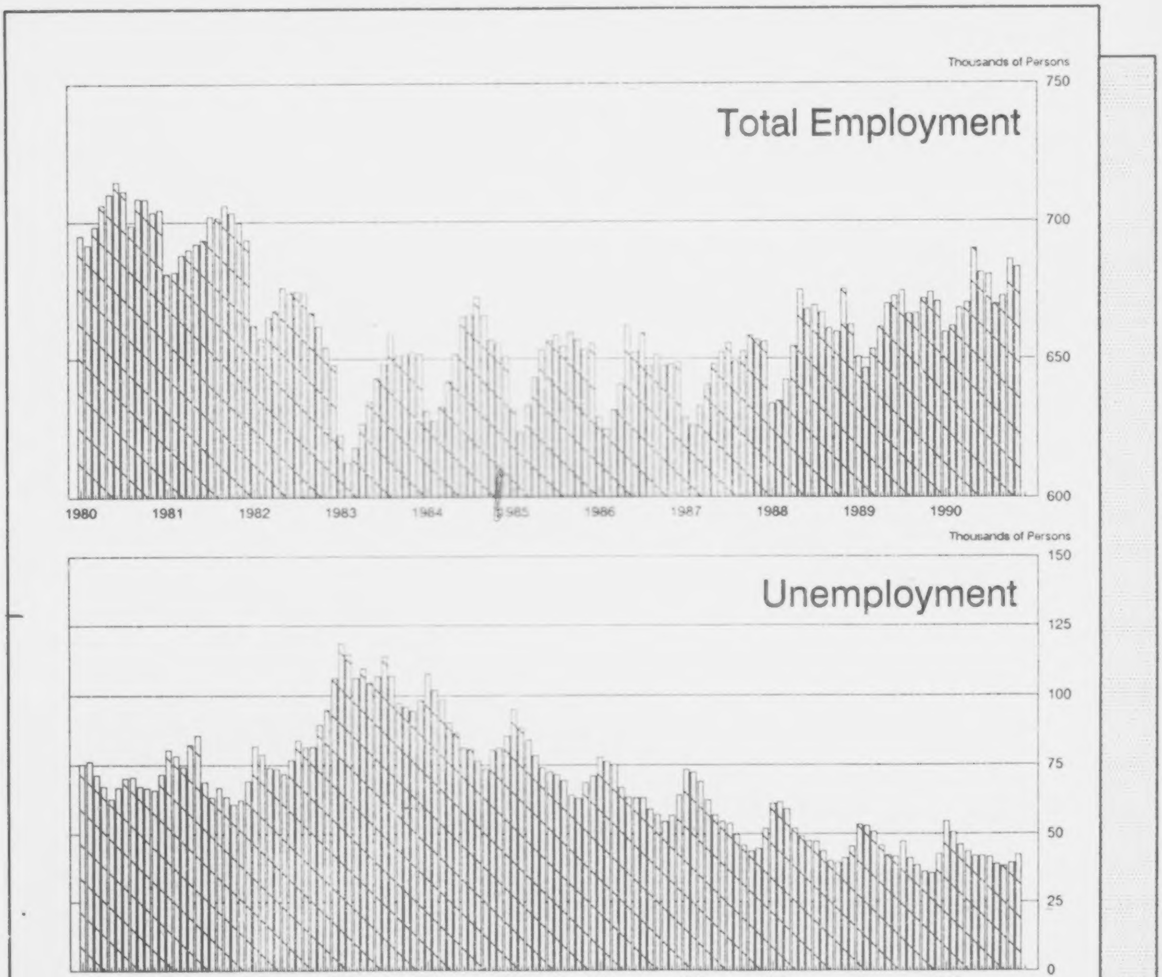

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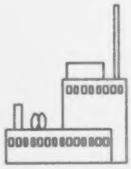
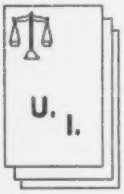
West Virginia Economic Indicators





	Nov. 1990	Oct. 1990	Nov. 1989
Average Weekly Hours in Manufacturing			
Unadjusted	40.9	40.6	41.2
Seasonally Adjusted	40.8	40.6	41.1
Total Production Worker Hours in Manufacturing (000), Weekly, Unadjusted	2,631	2,667	2,775
Average Weekly Earnings in Manufacturing, Unadjusted	$476.08	$475.83	$468.44
Average Weekly Hours in Bituminous Coal Mining, Unadjusted	44.3	44.7	45.0
Average Weekly Earnings in Bituminous Coal Mining, Unadjusted	$795.63	$795.21	$809.55
Coal Production (000 Tons)			
Unadjusted	13,530	15,407	13,856
Seasonally Adjusted	13,737	14,072	14,068
Commercial and Industrial Electric Power Sales (000,000 KWH)			
Unadjusted	1,099	1,081	1,106
Seasonally Adjusted	1,182	1,148	1,189
New Motor Vehicle Registrations, Unadjusted	4,849	8,093	4,980
Interstate Initial Claims			
Unadjusted	1,281	1,216	893
Seasonally Adjusted	1,222	1,284	852
Average Weekly Initial Claims			
Unadjusted	2,220	1,847	1,530
Seasonally Adjusted	2,323	2,231	1,601
Insured Unemployment Rate			
Unadjusted	2.5	2.3	1.9
Seasonally Adjusted	3.0	3.1	2.2
Total Unemployment Rate, Seasonally Adjusted (WV Series)	6.5	6.5	5.6

NOTE: Data for prior month and year may be revised from previously published figures.

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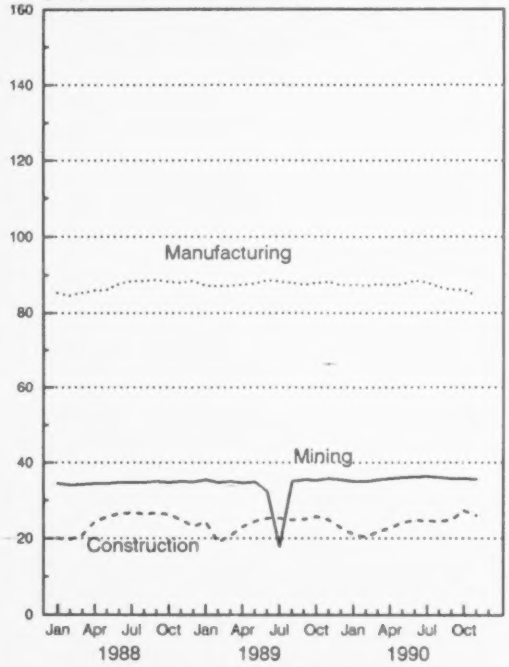
Selected National Data

	Nov. 1990	Oct. 1990	Nov. 1989
Civilian Unemployment Rate			
Unadjusted	5.8	5.4	5.2
Seasonally Adjusted	5.9	5.7	5.4
Consumer Price Index, All Urban Consumers			
Unadjusted			
1982-84 Base	133.8	133.5	125.9
1967 Base	400.7	400.0	377.0
Producer Price Index, Finished Goods Unadjusted, 1982 Base	122.9	122.3	114.9
Initial Claims for Unemployment Insurance (000) Week including 12th, Unadjusted	430.2	356.0	378.4
Insured Unemployment Rate, Week including 12th			
Unadjusted	2.3	2.1	1.8
Seasonally Adjusted	2.7	2.6	2.1

Trends in the West Virginia Labor Market

Goods Producing Employment

Employment in Thousands



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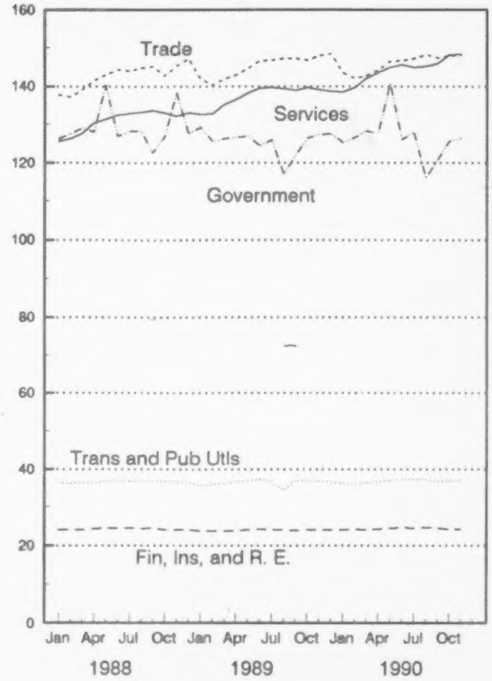
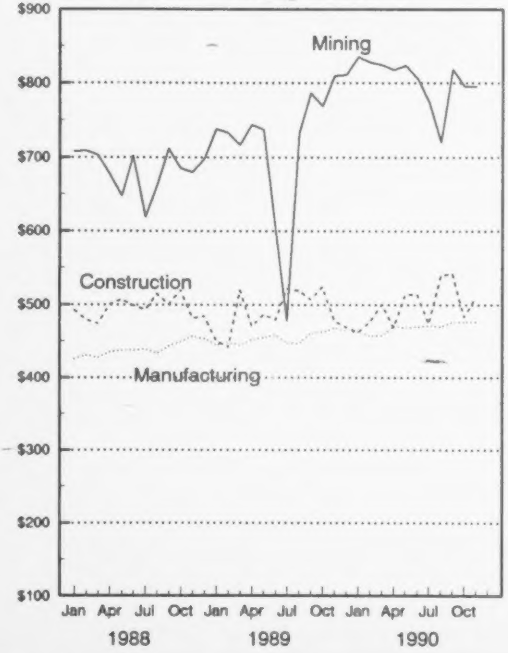
Employment in Thousands



Average Weekly Earnings

Goods Producing Industries



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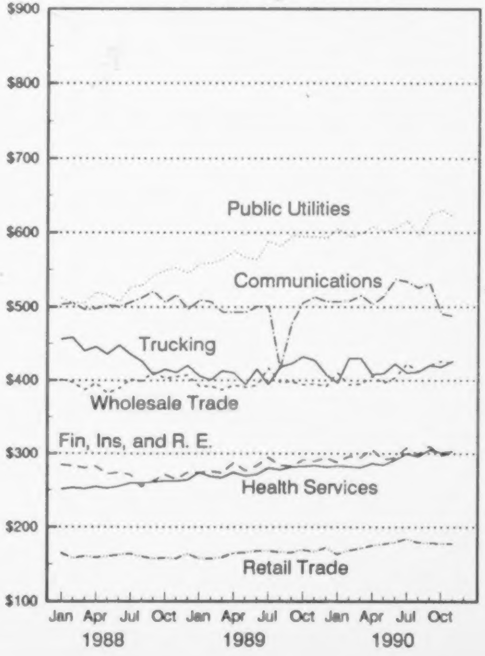


Total Employment, Unemployment, and Civilian Labor Force In West Virginia

WV Series Labor Force Data (In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)	Prelim. Nov.'90	Revised Oct.'90	Revised Nov.'89	Change From: Oct. 1990	Nov. 1989
Civilian Labor Force	725.6	725.2	709.6	0.4	16.0
Total Employment	683.2	685.9	673.9	-2.7	9.3
Total Unemployment	42.4	39.4	35.7	3.0	6.7
Unemployment Rate	5.8	5.4	5.0	xx	xx
BLS Series Labor Force Data (In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)					
Civilian Labor Force	770.7	769.9	773.4	0.8	-2.7
Total Employment	703.4	707.1	706.6	-3.7	-3.2
Total Unemployment	67.3	62.8	66.8	4.5	0.5
Unemployment Rate	8.7	8.2	8.6	xx	xx

EMPLOYMENT: Total employment in West Virginia decreased 2,700 during the month, due to a labor-management dispute at one of the state's largest manufacturing plants plus seasonal construction and tourism declines. Even so, total employment in November 1990 stood at an encouraging 683,200, exceeding last November's employment by 9,300.

Payroll employment decreased to 630,000 between October and November, with a loss of 3,100 in goods-producing industries partially offset by a gain of 1,200 among service-producing industries. Construction's usual autumn downturn, with employment cuts of 200 among general contractors, 700 in heavy construction and 400 for the special trade contractors, caused the total construction industry to lose 1,300 jobs. Mining slid a negligible 100, and manufacturing would have been almost unchanged but for the labor-management dispute. However, the latter caused manufacturing employment to decline by 1,700.

Among service-producing industries, trade gained 200 overall, but experienced atypical fluctuations of +900 in general merchandise stores, as one national chain opened several new stores, and -700 in apparel and accessory stores, as another major retailer cut employment in stores throughout West Virginia. Seasonal changes occurred in restaurants (-400) and miscellaneous retailers (+300) within trade, and the services sector experienced seasonal tourism declines of 400 in amusements and 200 in hotels. Record or near-record enrollment in state colleges helped drive state government employment levels up by 500. Local government increased employment 300, also due to education additions, while federal government continued unchanged. There were no major variations in the labor markets of the remaining sectors of the economy over the month.

Compared with November of last year, nonagricultural payroll employment has added 5,800 jobs. The improvements have been centered in the service-producing industries, which are up 8,500 over the year, while the goods-producing sector has decreased by 2,700 since November a year ago.

UNEMPLOYMENT: Total unemployment increased 3,000 to an estimated 42,400 in mid-November. This represents an unemployment rate of 5.8 percent for November, up from 5.4 last month and 5.0 in November of 1989.

Average Hours and Earnings, West Virginia Production Workers, Select Industries

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Prelim. Nov.'90	Revised Oct.'90	Revised Nov.'89	Prelim. Nov.'90	Revised Oct.'90	Revised Nov.'89	Prelim. Nov.'90	Revised Oct.'90	Revised Nov.'89
Manufacturing	$476.08	$475.83	$468.44	40.9	40.6	41.2	$11.64	$11.72	$11.37
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	477.17	442.13	438.98	41.1	39.3	40.2	11.61	11.25	10.92
Primary Metals Industries	666.79	630.89	589.53	44.1	43.6	42.2	15.12	14.47	13.97
Fabricated Metal Products	396.00	410.22	392.20	37.5	37.6	37.0	10.56	10.91	10.60
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	431.29	452.39	459.42	37.7	38.6	40.3	11.44	11.72	11.40
Electronic & Electrical Equipment	495.51	521.25	508.29	39.8	41.7	41.8	12.45	12.50	12.16
Chemical & Allied Products	695.30	751.43	726.36	44.4	46.1	45.2	15.66	16.30	16.07
Coal Mining	795.63	795.21	809.55	44.3	44.7	45.0	17.96	17.79	17.99
Construction	510.08	483.38	478.02	37.7	35.7	37.2	13.53	13.54	12.85

Statewide Nonagricultural Payroll Employment by Industry

(In Thousands – Not Seasonally Adjusted)

November 1990

	Prelim. Nov.'90	Revised Oct.'90	Revised Nov.'89	Change Oct. 1990	From. Nov. 1989
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL	630.0	631.9	624.2	-1.9	5.8
GOODS PRODUCING	146.0	149.1	148.7	-3.1	-2.7
Mining	35.6	35.7	35.7	-0.1	-0.1
Coal Mining	30.0	30.1	29.9	-0.1	0.1
Oil & Gas Extraction	4.5	4.5	4.7	0.0	-0.2
Other Mining	1.1	1.1	1.1	0.0	0.0
Construction	26.0	27.3	24.9	-1.3	1.1
General Building Contractors	7.1	7.3	7.0	-0.2	0.1
Heavy Construction	7.3	8.0	6.1	-0.7	1.2
Special Trade Contractors	11.6	12.0	11.8	-0.4	-0.2
Manufacturing	84.4	86.1	88.1	-1.7	-3.7
Durable Goods	46.8	48.3	50.1	-1.5	-3.3
Lumber, Wood Products & Furniture	7.5	7.5	7.6	0.0	-0.1
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	8.0	8.1	8.4	-0.1	-0.4
Primary Metals Industries	13.0	14.4	15.0	-1.4	-2.0
Fabricated Metal Products	5.3	5.3	5.5	0.0	-0.2
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	5.6	5.8	5.8	-0.2	-0.2
Electronic & Electrical Equipment	2.3	2.4	2.6	-0.1	-0.3
Transportation Equipment	2.6	2.4	2.6	0.2	0.0
Other Durable Goods	2.5	2.4	2.6	0.1	-0.1
Nondurable Goods	37.6	37.8	38.0	-0.2	-0.4
Food & Kindred Products	4.5	4.5	4.1	0.0	0.4
Textile Mill Products	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.0	0.0
Apparel & Other Textile Products	4.0	4.1	4.2	-0.1	-0.2
Paper & Allied Products	1.2	1.3	1.6	-0.1	-0.4
Printing & Publishing	5.1	5.1	5.0	0.0	0.1
Chemical & Allied Products	17.5	17.5	17.8	0.0	-0.3
Other Nondurable Goods	4.4	4.4	4.4	0.0	0.0
SERVICE PRODUCING	484.0	482.8	475.5	1.2	8.5
Transportation & Public Utilities	37.0	37.0	36.8	0.0	0.2
Railroad Transportation	3.9	3.9	4.0	0.0	-0.1
Trucking & Warehousing	9.3	9.2	9.0	0.1	0.3
Other Transportation	3.5	3.5	3.4	0.0	0.1
Communications	8.0	8.1	8.1	-0.1	-0.1
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	12.3	12.3	12.3	0.0	0.0
Trade	148.0	147.8	147.9	0.2	0.1
Wholesale Trade	30.6	30.6	30.3	0.0	0.3
Retail Trade	117.4	117.2	117.6	0.2	-0.2
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	5.2	5.3	5.1	-0.1	0.1
General Merchandise Stores	18.1	17.2	19.6	0.9	-1.5
Food Stores	23.3	23.1	23.0	0.2	0.3
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	14.7	14.8	14.4	-0.1	0.3
Apparel & Accessory Stores	5.9	6.6	5.6	-0.7	0.3
Home Furniture & Equipment Stores	4.8	4.7	4.8	0.1	0.0
Eating & Drinking Places	34.1	34.5	33.7	-0.4	0.4
Miscellaneous Retail	11.3	11.0	11.4	0.3	-0.1
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	24.3	24.3	24.2	0.0	0.1
Finance	13.7	13.7	13.6	0.0	0.1
Insurance	6.5	6.5	6.4	0.0	0.1
Real Estate	4.1	4.1	4.2	0.0	-0.1
Services	148.3	148.1	139.1	0.2	9.2
Agricultural Services	2.7	2.6	2.2	0.1	0.5
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	8.8	9.0	7.8	-0.2	1.0
Personal Services	6.2	6.1	6.1	0.1	0.1
Business Services	14.3	14.2	13.2	0.1	1.1
Automotive & Miscellaneous Repair Services	6.1	6.1	5.8	0.0	0.3
Amusements, incl. Motion Pictures	5.7	6.1	5.9	-0.4	-0.2
Health Services	56.2	55.9	53.1	0.3	3.1
Nursing & Personal Care Homes	10.4	10.4	9.8	0.0	0.6
Hospitals	28.5	28.3	26.9	0.2	1.6
Other Health Services	17.3	17.2	16.4	0.1	0.9
Legal Services	3.9	3.9	3.5	0.0	0.4
Educational Services	6.4	6.2	5.4	0.2	1.0
Social Services	9.4	9.3	8.5	0.1	0.9
Membership Organizations	19.6	19.7	19.5	-0.1	0.1
Engineering & Management Services	8.0	8.0	7.1	0.0	0.9
Government	126.4	125.6	127.5	0.8	-1.1
Federal	15.6	15.6	16.0	0.0	-0.4
Hospitals	2.9	2.9	2.9	0.0	0.0
U S Postal Service	4.9	4.9	5.1	0.0	-0.2
Other Federal	7.8	7.8	8.0	0.0	-0.2
State	40.7	40.2	40.6	0.5	0.1
Hospitals	2.7	2.7	2.9	0.0	-0.2
Education	19.6	18.9	18.6	0.7	1.0
Other State	18.4	18.6	19.1	-0.2	-0.7
Local	70.1	69.8	70.9	0.3	-0.8
Hospitals	4.9	4.9	4.8	0.0	0.1
Education	45.9	45.5	46.4	0.4	-0.5
Other Local	19.3	19.4	19.7	-0.1	-0.4
Total Private Sector	503.6	506.3	496.7	-2.7	6.9
Labor-Management Dispute Status	2.2	0.7	0.8	xx	xx

Women Workers
Statewide Nonagricultural Payroll Employment by Industry

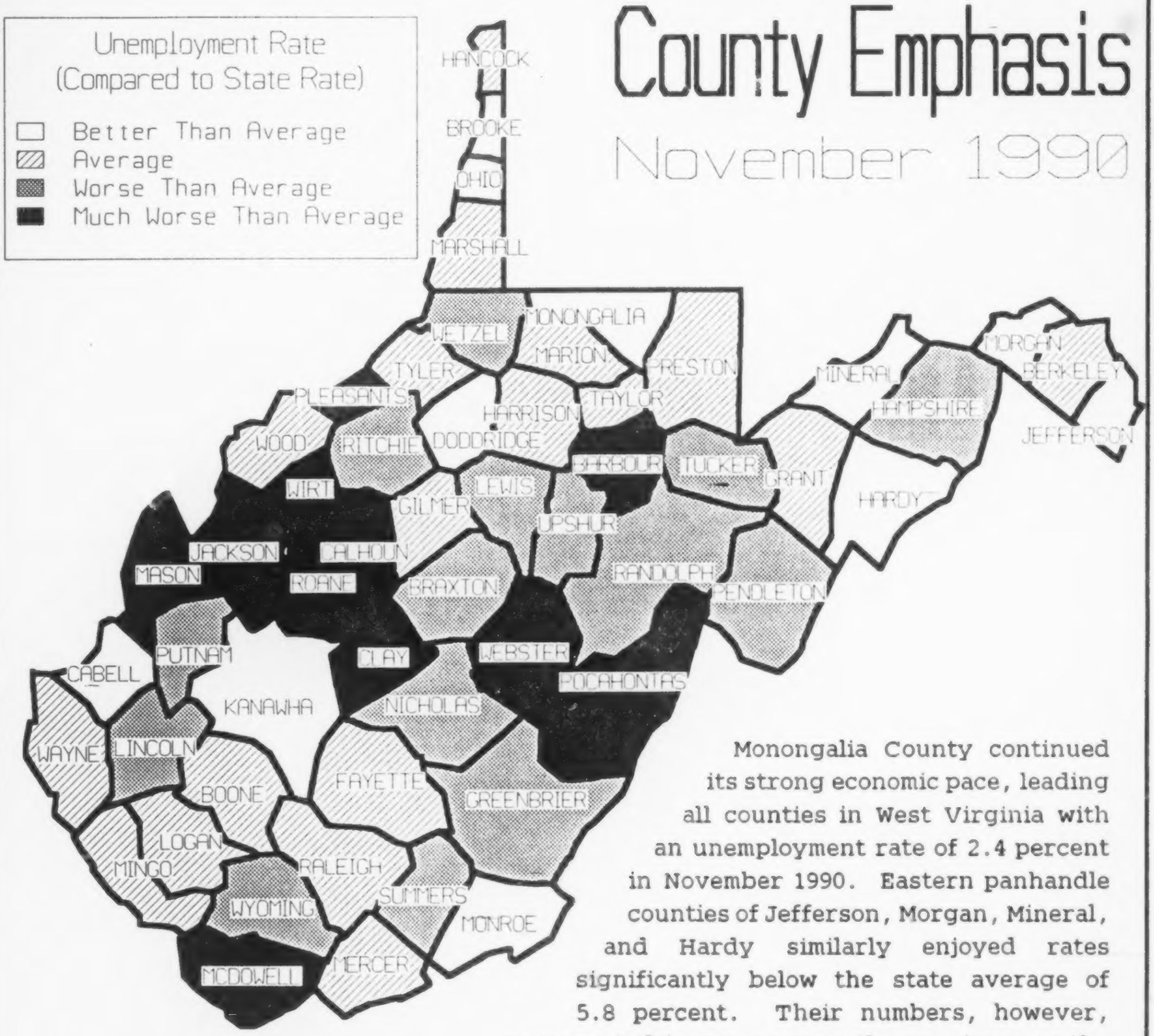
(In Thousands – Not Seasonally Adjusted)

November 1990

				Change From:	
	Prelim. Nov.'90	Revised Oct.'90	Revised Nov.'89	Oct. 1990	Nov. 1989
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL	278.1	275.5	262.2	2.6	15.9
GOODS PRODUCING	24.3	24.2	24.2	0.1	0.1
Mining	2.1	2.0	2.0	0.1	0.1
Coal Mining	1.2	1.1	1.1	0.1	0.1
Oil & Gas Extraction	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.0	0.0
Construction	2.1	2.2	1.8	-0.1	0.3
General Building Contractors	0.5	0.6	0.5	-0.1	0.0
Heavy Construction	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.0	0.1
Special Trade Contractors	1.2	1.2	1.0	0.0	0.2
Manufacturing	20.1	20.0	20.4	0.1	-0.3
Durable Goods	7.8	7.8	8.1	0.0	-0.3
Lumber, Wood Products & Furniture	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.0	0.0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	2.4	2.4	2.5	0.0	-0.1
Primary Metals Industries	1.1	1.1	1.1	0.0	0.0
Fabricated Metal Products	0.8	0.7	0.9	0.1	-0.1
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	0.7	0.8	0.7	-0.1	0.0
Electronic & Electrical Equipment	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.0	-0.1
Transportation Equipment	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.0	0.0
Other Durable Goods	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.0	0.0
Nondurable Goods	12.3	12.2	12.3	0.1	0.0
Food & Kindred Products	1.2	1.2	0.9	0.0	0.3
Textile Mill Products	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.0	0.0
Apparel & Other Textile Products	3.4	3.4	3.4	0.0	0.0
Paper & Allied Products	0.5	0.5	0.8	0.0	-0.3
Printing & Publishing	1.9	1.8	1.8	0.1	0.1
Chemical & Allied Products	3.0	3.0	3.0	0.0	0.0
Other Nondurable Goods	1.7	1.7	1.8	0.0	-0.1
SERVICE PRODUCING	253.8	251.3	238.0	2.5	15.8
Transportation & Public Utilities	7.8	7.9	7.9	-0.1	-0.1
Trucking & Warehousing	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.0	0.1
Other Transportation	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.0	0.0
Communications	3.4	3.5	3.7	-0.1	-0.3
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	2.4	2.4	2.3	0.0	0.1
Trade	68.9	68.4	63.1	0.5	5.8
Wholesale Trade	5.7	5.7	5.4	0.0	0.3
Retail Trade	63.2	62.7	57.7	0.5	5.5
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.0	0.1
General Merchandise Stores	12.1	11.5	11.8	0.6	0.3
Food Stores	12.3	11.9	10.5	0.4	1.8
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	3.4	3.4	3.1	0.0	0.3
Apparel & Accessory Stores	4.9	5.4	4.4	-0.5	0.5
Home Furniture & Equipment Stores	1.7	1.5	1.6	0.2	0.1
Eating & Drinking Places	19.5	20.0	17.7	-0.5	1.8
Miscellaneous Retail	8.4	8.1	7.8	0.3	0.6
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	14.8	15.0	15.2	-0.2	-0.4
Finance	10.5	10.5	10.0	0.0	0.5
Insurance	2.8	2.9	3.3	-0.1	-0.5
Real Estate	1.5	1.6	1.9	-0.1	-0.4
Services	95.8	94.6	88.6	1.2	7.2
Agricultural Services	1.0	1.0	0.8	0.0	0.2
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	4.8	4.7	3.8	0.1	1.0
Personal Services	3.9	3.7	3.1	0.2	0.8
Business Services	7.0	6.9	6.2	0.1	0.8
Automotive & Miscellaneous Repair Services	1.0	1.1	1.3	-0.1	-0.3
Amusements, incl. Motion Pictures	2.7	2.8	2.6	-0.1	0.1
Health Services	45.9	45.7	43.3	0.2	2.6
Nursing & Personal Care Homes	9.1	9.0	7.8	0.1	1.3
Hospitals	23.3	23.2	22.1	0.1	1.2
Other Health Services	13.5	13.5	13.4	0.0	0.1
Legal Services	3.2	3.1	2.8	0.1	0.4
Educational Services	3.7	3.6	3.0	0.1	0.7
Social Services	6.7	6.6	6.0	0.1	0.7
Membership Organizations	12.3	12.0	12.1	0.3	0.2
Engineering & Management Services	2.9	2.8	2.9	0.1	0.0
Government	66.5	65.4	63.2	1.1	3.3
Federal	6.6	6.7	6.7	-0.1	-0.1
Hospitals	1.6	1.6	1.6	0.0	0.0
U S Postal Service	1.3	1.3	1.3	0.0	0.0
Other Federal	3.7	3.8	3.8	-0.1	-0.1
State	19.5	18.6	18.2	0.9	1.3
Hospitals	1.9	1.9	2.0	0.0	-0.1
Education	10.3	9.7	8.6	0.6	1.7
Other State	7.3	7.0	7.6	0.3	-0.3
Local	40.4	40.1	38.3	0.3	2.1
Hospitals	4.1	4.1	3.9	0.0	0.2
Education	29.6	29.3	27.9	0.3	1.7
Other Local	6.7	6.7	6.5	0.0	0.2
Total Private Sector	211.6	210.1	199.0	1.5	12.6

County Emphasis

November 1990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Monongalia County continued its strong economic pace, leading all counties in West Virginia with an unemployment rate of 2.4 percent in November 1990. Eastern panhandle counties of Jefferson, Morgan, Mineral, and Hardy similarly enjoyed rates significantly below the state average of 5.8 percent. Their numbers, however, represented increases over the previous month. Additional counties benefitting from rates considered better-than-average include Ohio (3.5), Kanawha (4.0), Cabell (4.4), Doddridge (4.5), Brooke (4.6), and Monroe (4.7). Overall, seasonal declines in construction employment helped produce higher unemployment rates from the previous month in a predominant number of counties.

As a result of a labor-management dispute, manufacturing employment in and around Jackson County declined sharply. The unemployment rate of 16.5 percent for Jackson County in November 1990 was a distinct contrast to the 6.2 percent in October 1990. Surrounding counties with rates considered much worse than the state average include Mason (11.7), Calhoun (11.4), Clay (11.0), Roane (11.0), and Wirt (10.8). These rates represented a conspicuous rise over the previous 30 day period. Double-digit unemployment rates continued to plague Webster (13.6), McDowell (10.9), Barbour (10.7), Pocahontas (10.6), and Pleasants (10.3).

West Virginia Labor Force Statistics by County

*(WV Series Labor Force Data --as calculated by the WV Division of Employment Security)**

November 1990
(Revised October 1990 in parentheses)

THESE LABOR FORCE STATISTICS WERE DESIGNED TO BE USED FOR ECONOMIC ANALYSIS

County	Civilian Labor Force		Employment		Unemployment		Unemployment As Percent of Civilian Labor Force	
Barbour	5,130	(4,980)	4,580	(4,500)	550	(480)	10.7	(9.7)
Berkeley	27,070	(26,920)	25,670	(25,660)	1,410	(1,260)	5.2	(4.7)
Boone	7,790	(7,850)	7,390	(7,430)	400	(420)	5.2	(5.3)
Braxton	5,550	(5,540)	5,090	(5,130)	460	(410)	8.3	(7.4)
Brooke	10,560	(10,640)	10,080	(10,100)	480	(550)	4.6	(5.1)
Cabell	42,690	(42,850)	40,830	(40,840)	1,860	(2,010)	4.4	(4.7)
Calhoun	3,010	(3,030)	2,660	(2,720)	340	(310)	11.4	(10.1)
Clay	2,710	(2,650)	2,410	(2,400)	300	(250)	11.0	(9.4)
Doddridge	2,340	(2,350)	2,240	(2,240)	110	(110)	4.5	(4.6)
Fayette	16,630	(16,890)	15,500	(15,670)	1,140	(1,220)	6.8	(7.2)
Gilmer	3,020	(3,030)	2,850	(2,860)	170	(170)	5.5	(5.6)
Grant	4,270	(4,260)	4,040	(4,030)	230	(240)	5.5	(5.6)
Greenbrier	14,560	(14,690)	13,420	(13,780)	1,140	(910)	7.8	(6.2)
Hampshire	6,780	(6,730)	6,210	(6,320)	570	(410)	8.3	(6.0)
Hancock	14,170	(14,250)	13,500	(13,520)	680	(730)	4.8	(5.1)
Hardy	5,790	(5,760)	5,540	(5,550)	250	(210)	4.3	(3.6)
Harrison	29,130	(29,050)	27,390	(27,400)	1,740	(1,650)	6.0	(5.7)
Jackson	10,450	(9,100)	8,720	(8,530)	1,730	(560)	16.5	(6.2)
Jefferson	19,620	(19,820)	18,800	(19,070)	820	(750)	4.2	(3.8)
Kanawha	96,200	(96,340)	92,400	(92,630)	3,810	(3,710)	4.0	(3.9)
Lewis	6,810	(6,820)	6,330	(6,370)	480	(460)	7.1	(6.7)
Lincoln	7,090	(7,220)	6,570	(6,550)	520	(670)	7.3	(9.3)
Logan	12,800	(13,080)	12,000	(12,040)	800	(1,040)	6.2	(8.0)
McDowell	6,260	(6,330)	5,570	(5,660)	680	(670)	10.9	(10.6)
Marion	21,550	(21,620)	20,350	(20,380)	1,200	(1,240)	5.6	(5.7)
Marshall	14,760	(14,510)	13,920	(13,920)	840	(590)	5.7	(4.1)
Mason	8,690	(8,240)	7,670	(7,730)	1,020	(510)	11.7	(6.2)
Mercer	26,030	(26,180)	24,710	(24,750)	1,320	(1,430)	5.1	(5.5)
Mineral	10,540	(10,540)	10,110	(10,210)	430	(330)	4.1	(3.1)
Mingo	10,070	(10,050)	9,510	(9,420)	550	(630)	5.5	(6.2)
Monongalia	38,770	(38,770)	37,840	(37,820)	930	(950)	2.4	(2.4)
Monroe	4,960	(5,100)	4,730	(4,860)	230	(250)	4.7	(4.9)
Morgan	5,060	(5,050)	4,850	(4,880)	210	(170)	4.2	(3.4)
Nicholas	8,660	(8,560)	7,860	(7,760)	800	(800)	9.2	(9.3)
Ohio	24,430	(24,300)	23,590	(23,590)	850	(710)	3.5	(2.9)
Pendleton	3,980	(3,940)	3,690	(3,760)	280	(180)	7.1	(4.6)
Pleasants	2,240	(2,280)	2,010	(2,030)	230	(250)	10.3	(11.0)
Pocahontas	4,390	(4,450)	3,920	(3,990)	460	(460)	10.6	(10.4)
Preston	12,520	(12,530)	11,790	(11,780)	740	(750)	5.9	(6.0)
Putnam	16,670	(16,610)	15,500	(15,540)	1,170	(1,070)	7.0	(6.4)
Raleigh	26,680	(26,730)	25,010	(25,130)	1,670	(1,600)	6.2	(6.0)
Randolph	11,640	(11,670)	10,570	(10,570)	1,070	(1,100)	9.2	(9.4)
Ritchie	4,910	(4,880)	4,520	(4,550)	390	(330)	8.0	(6.8)
Roane	4,640	(4,580)	4,130	(4,160)	510	(420)	11.0	(9.2)
Summers	4,160	(4,090)	3,800	(3,850)	360	(240)	8.6	(5.9)
Taylor	5,740	(5,810)	5,370	(5,370)	370	(440)	6.4	(7.5)
Tucker	3,820	(3,900)	3,520	(3,610)	300	(290)	7.7	(7.5)
Tyler	4,550	(4,530)	4,270	(4,280)	280	(260)	6.2	(5.7)
Upshur	8,650	(8,690)	8,020	(8,060)	630	(620)	7.3	(7.2)
Wayne	15,530	(15,590)	14,650	(14,650)	880	(940)	5.7	(6.0)
Webster	2,990	(2,980)	2,580	(2,540)	410	(430)	13.6	(14.6)
Wetzel	8,970	(8,790)	8,350	(8,360)	620	(430)	6.9	(4.9)
Wirt	2,130	(2,520)	1,900	(2,300)	230	(210)	10.8	(8.5)
Wood	40,670	(40,820)	38,470	(38,790)	2,200	(2,030)	5.4	(5.0)
Wyoming	6,780	(6,790)	6,250	(6,260)	540	(530)	7.9	(7.8)

All data have been revised to March 1989 benchmark.

*The West Virginia Division of Employment Security and the U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics use different methodologies in calculating the unemployment rate.

West Virginia Labor Force Statistics by County

*(BLS Series Labor Force Data --Using U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics Methodology)**

November 1990
(Revised October 1990 in parentheses)

APPROVED BY THE U. S. BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS TO ALLOCATE FEDERAL FUNDS AND DETERMINE ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

County	Civilian Labor Force		Employment		Unemployment		Unemployment As Percent of Civilian Labor Force	
Barbour	5,590	(5,400)	4,720	(4,640)	870	(770)	15.6	(14.2)
Berkeley	28,660	(28,460)	26,430	(26,450)	2,230	(2,010)	7.8	(7.0)
Boone	8,250	(8,320)	7,610	(7,660)	640	(670)	7.8	(8.0)
Braxton	5,970	(5,940)	5,240	(5,290)	730	(660)	12.3	(11.0)
Brooke	11,150	(11,280)	10,380	(10,410)	770	(870)	6.9	(7.7)
Cabell	45,000	(45,310)	42,040	(42,100)	2,960	(3,210)	6.6	(7.1)
Calhoun	3,290	(3,290)	2,740	(2,800)	550	(490)	16.6	(14.8)
Clay	2,950	(2,870)	2,480	(2,470)	470	(400)	16.0	(13.8)
Doddridge	2,470	(2,480)	2,300	(2,310)	170	(170)	6.8	(7.0)
Fayette	17,760	(18,100)	15,950	(16,160)	1,810	(1,940)	10.2	(10.7)
Gilmer	3,200	(3,220)	2,930	(2,950)	270	(270)	8.3	(8.5)
Grant	4,530	(4,530)	4,160	(4,150)	370	(380)	8.2	(8.4)
Greenbrier	15,630	(15,660)	13,820	(14,210)	1,820	(1,450)	11.6	(9.3)
Hampshire	7,300	(7,170)	6,400	(6,520)	900	(650)	12.3	(9.0)
Hancock	14,970	(15,100)	13,900	(13,940)	1,070	(1,160)	7.2	(7.7)
Hardy	6,100	(6,050)	5,700	(5,720)	400	(330)	6.5	(5.5)
Harrison	30,960	(30,870)	28,200	(28,250)	2,760	(2,630)	8.9	(8.5)
Jackson	11,730	(9,700)	8,980	(8,800)	2,750	(900)	23.4	(9.3)
Jefferson	20,650	(20,860)	19,350	(19,660)	1,300	(1,200)	6.3	(5.7)
Kanawha	101,180	(101,420)	95,130	(95,500)	6,050	(5,920)	6.0	(5.8)
Lewis	7,280	(7,290)	6,510	(6,570)	770	(730)	10.5	(10.0)
Lincoln	7,590	(7,820)	6,770	(6,750)	820	(1,070)	10.8	(13.6)
Logan	13,620	(14,070)	12,360	(12,410)	1,270	(1,660)	9.3	(11.8)
McDowell	6,820	(6,910)	5,740	(5,830)	1,090	(1,070)	15.9	(15.5)
Marion	22,860	(22,990)	20,950	(21,010)	1,910	(1,980)	8.4	(8.6)
Marshall	15,660	(15,290)	14,330	(14,350)	1,330	(940)	8.5	(6.1)
Mason	9,510	(8,780)	7,900	(7,970)	1,620	(810)	17.0	(9.3)
Mercer	27,540	(27,800)	25,440	(25,510)	2,100	(2,290)	7.6	(8.2)
Mineral	11,100	(11,050)	10,410	(10,530)	690	(530)	6.2	(4.8)
Mingo	10,670	(10,710)	9,790	(9,710)	880	(1,000)	8.3	(9.3)
Monongalia	40,430	(40,500)	38,960	(38,990)	1,480	(1,510)	3.6	(3.7)
Monroe	5,240	(5,400)	4,870	(5,010)	370	(400)	7.1	(7.3)
Morgan	5,330	(5,300)	4,990	(5,030)	340	(280)	6.4	(5.2)
Nicholas	9,360	(9,270)	8,090	(8,000)	1,260	(1,270)	13.5	(13.7)
Ohio	25,630	(25,460)	24,280	(24,320)	1,340	(1,140)	5.2	(4.5)
Pendleton	4,250	(4,160)	3,800	(3,870)	450	(290)	10.6	(6.9)
Pleasants	2,430	(2,500)	2,070	(2,090)	370	(400)	15.1	(16.1)
Pocahontas	4,780	(4,850)	4,040	(4,110)	740	(740)	15.4	(15.2)
Preston	13,310	(13,340)	12,140	(12,150)	1,170	(1,190)	8.8	(8.9)
Putnam	17,820	(17,720)	15,960	(16,020)	1,870	(1,700)	10.5	(9.6)
Raleigh	28,400	(28,460)	25,750	(25,900)	2,650	(2,550)	9.3	(9.0)
Randolph	12,590	(12,650)	10,880	(10,900)	1,710	(1,750)	13.6	(13.9)
Ritchie	5,270	(5,220)	4,650-	(4,690)	630	(530)	11.9	(10.1)
Roane	5,060	(4,960)	4,250	(4,290)	810	(670)	16.1	(13.5)
Summers	4,480	(4,350)	3,910	(3,970)	570	(380)	12.7	(8.8)
Taylor	6,110	(6,230)	5,530	(5,540)	580	(700)	9.6	(11.2)
Tucker	4,100	(4,190)	3,630	(3,720)	470	(470)	11.5	(11.1)
Tyler	4,850	(4,820)	4,400	(4,410)	450	(410)	9.2	(8.5)
Upshur	9,260	(9,300)	8,260	(8,310)	1,010	(990)	10.8	(10.7)
Wayne	16,480	(16,610)	15,080	(15,100)	1,400	(1,500)	8.5	(9.1)
Webster	3,300	(3,320)	2,650	(2,620)	650	(690)	19.6	(20.9)
Wetzel	9,590	(9,300)	8,600	(8,620)	990	(680)	10.3	(7.3)
Wirt	2,320	(2,710)	1,950	(2,380)	370	(340)	15.8	(12.5)
Wood	43,100	(43,230)	39,610	(39,990)	3,500	(3,240)	8.1	(7.5)
Wyoming	7,280	(7,300)	6,430	(6,450)	850	(850)	11.7	(11.6)

All data have been revised to March 1989 benchmark.

*Calculated according to Current Population Survey adjusted to BLS procedures.

West Virginia Labor Force Statistics by Local Area

WV Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Nov.'90	Revised Oct.'90	Revised Nov.'89
Charleston MSA			
Labor Force	112.9	113.0	109.0
Employment	107.9	108.2	105.0
Unemployment	5.0	4.8	4.0
Rate (%)	4.4	4.2	3.7
Huntington - Ashland - Ironton MSA			
Labor Force	125.1	125.4	124.1
Employment	120.0	119.9	119.9
Unemployment	5.1	5.5	4.2
Rate (%)	4.1	4.4	3.4
Parkersburg - Marietta MSA			
Labor Force	68.9	69.2	68.5
Employment	65.9	66.3	66.1
Unemployment	3.0	2.8	2.4
Rate (%)	4.4	4.1	3.5
Wheeling - Bridgeport MSA			
Labor Force	69.7	69.1	68.0
Employment	67.1	67.0	65.6
Unemployment	2.6	2.0	2.4
Rate (%)	3.7	2.9	3.5
Clarksburg LMA			
Labor Force	37.2	37.2	35.7
Employment	35.0	35.0	33.7
Unemployment	2.2	2.2	2.0
Rate (%)	5.9	5.9	5.6
Gauley LMA			
Labor Force	11.6	11.5	12.2
Employment	10.4	10.3	11.2
Unemployment	1.2	1.2	1.1
Rate (%)	10.3	10.7	8.6
Morgantown - Kingwood LMA			
Labor Force	51.3	51.3	49.9
Employment	49.6	49.6	48.5
Unemployment	1.7	1.7	1.4
Rate (%)	3.2	3.3	2.8
New Martinsville LMA			
Labor Force	13.5	13.3	13.5
Employment	12.6	12.6	12.7
Unemployment	0.9	0.7	0.8
Rate (%)	6.7	5.1	6.1
Ronceverte - White Sulphur Springs LMA			
Labor Force	19.5	19.8	19.6
Employment	18.1	18.6	18.3
Unemployment	1.4	1.2	1.3
Rate (%)	7.0	5.8	6.6

BLS Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Nov.'90	Revised Oct.'90	Revised Nov.'89
Charleston MSA			
Labor Force	119.0	119.1	117.6
Employment	111.1	111.5	110.1
Unemployment	7.9	7.6	7.5
Rate (%)	6.7	6.4	6.4
Huntington - Ashland - Ironton MSA			
Labor Force	129.8	130.9	131.1
Employment	122.0	122.0	123.6
Unemployment	7.7	8.9	7.5
Rate (%)	6.0	6.8	5.7
Parkersburg - Marietta MSA			
Labor Force	72.2	72.8	73.3
Employment	67.6	68.1	68.7
Unemployment	4.7	4.7	4.6
Rate (%)	6.5	6.5	6.3
Wheeling - Bridgeport MSA			
Labor Force	72.8	72.2	72.6
Employment	68.8	68.7	68.1
Unemployment	4.0	3.5	4.6
Rate (%)	5.5	4.8	6.3
Clarksburg LMA			
Labor Force	39.5	39.6	39.0
Employment	36.0	36.1	35.3
Unemployment	3.5	3.5	3.7
Rate (%)	8.9	8.8	9.5
Gauley LMA			
Labor Force	12.7	12.6	13.7
Employment	10.7	10.6	11.7
Unemployment	1.9	2.0	2.0
Rate (%)	15.1	15.6	14.4
Morgantown - Kingwood LMA			
Labor Force	53.7	53.8	53.5
Employment	51.1	51.1	50.9
Unemployment	2.6	2.7	2.6
Rate (%)	4.9	5.0	4.8
New Martinsville LMA			
Labor Force	14.4	14.1	14.9
Employment	13.0	13.0	13.3
Unemployment	1.4	1.1	1.6
Rate (%)	10.0	7.7	10.5
Ronceverte - White Sulphur Springs LMA			
Labor Force	20.9	21.1	21.6
Employment	18.7	19.2	19.2
Unemployment	2.2	1.8	2.4
Rate (%)	10.5	8.8	11.1

Charleston Metropolitan Statistical Area

(Counties of Kanawha and Putnam, West Virginia)

HIGHLIGHTS

EMPLOYMENT: In the Charleston Metropolitan Statistical Area, total nonagricultural payroll employment increased by 200 during November 1990. The goods-producing sector noted a decline in construction of 100, while in the service-producing sector the only declines were in government (-100) and wholesale trade (-100). Total trade (+300) and finance, insurance and real estate recorded increases (+100). Comparison with year-ago November 1989 data reveals an increase of 1,800 jobs. Major increases appear in construction (+1,200) and services (+1,100). Notably, total government declined by 500 over the year.

UNEMPLOYMENT: Total unemployment increased slightly during November 1990 (+200) in the Charleston MSA. The unemployment rate also rose from 4.2 percent to 4.4 percent of the civilian labor force. Comparison with year-ago data reveals a 1,000 increase in total unemployment, while the corresponding unemployment rate increased from 3.7 percent to the current 4.4 percent.

WV Series Labor Force Data
(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Nov.'90	Revised Oct.'90	Revised Nov.'89
Labor Force	112.9	113.0	109.0
Employment	107.9	108.2	105.0
Unemployment	5.0	4.8	4.0
Rate (%)	4.4	4.2	3.7

BLS Series Labor Force Data
(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Nov.'90	Revised Oct.'90	Revised Nov.'89
Labor Force	119.0	119.1	117.6
Employment	111.1	111.5	110.1
Unemployment	7.9	7.6	7.5
Rate (%)	6.7	6.4	6.4

NONAGRICULTURAL PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

	Prelim. Nov.'90	Revised Oct.'90	Revised Nov.'89	Change From: Oct. 1990	Nov. 1989
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL	111.7	111.5	109.9	0.2	1.8
GOODS PRODUCING	17.5	17.6	16.6	-0.1	0.9
Mining	1.9	1.9	1.9	0.0	0.0
Construction	5.2	5.3	4.0	-0.1	1.2
Manufacturing	10.4	10.4	10.7	0.0	-0.3
Durable Goods	1.6	1.6	1.6	0.0	0.0
Nondurable Goods	8.8	8.8	9.1	0.0	-0.3
Chemical & Allied Products	7.4	7.4	7.8	0.0	-0.4
Other Nondurable Goods	1.4	1.4	1.3	0.0	0.1
SERVICE PRODUCING	94.2	93.9	93.3	0.3	0.9
Transportation & Public Utilities	9.1	9.1	9.3	0.0	-0.2
Trade	30.3	30.0	29.7	0.3	0.6
Wholesale Trade	7.2	7.3	7.3	-0.1	-0.1
Retail Trade	23.1	22.7	22.4	0.4	0.7
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	6.2	6.2	6.3	0.0	-0.1
Services	28.7	28.6	27.6	0.1	1.1
Health Services	10.7	10.7	10.3	0.0	0.4
Government	19.9	20.0	20.4	-0.1	-0.5
Federal	1.7	1.7	1.7	0.0	0.0
State	9.7	9.8	10.0	-0.1	-0.3
Local	8.5	8.5	8.7	0.0	-0.2
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.4	0.4	0.0	xx	xx

Average Hours and Earnings of Production Workers in Manufacturing

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Prelim. Nov.'90	Revised Oct.'90	Revised Nov.'89	Prelim. Nov.'90	Revised Oct.'90	Revised Nov.'89	Prelim. Nov.'90	Revised Oct.'90	Revised Nov.'89
Manufacturing	$581.24	$644.28	$602.55	44.1	45.5	43.6	$13.18	$14.16	$13.82
Nondurable Goods	611.78	691.36	641.08	44.3	46.4	44.0	13.81	14.90	14.57
Chemical & Allied Products	702.10	806.76	711.42	46.1	48.6	44.8	15.23	16.60	15.88

Huntington-Ashland-Ironton Metropolitan Statistical Area

(Counties of Cabell and Wayne, West Virginia;
Boyd, Carter and Greenup, Kentucky; Lawrence, Ohio)

HIGHLIGHTS

EMPLOYMENT: Total nonagricultural payroll employment increased by 700 during November 1990 in the Huntington-Ashland-Ironton MSA. Retail trade advanced by 500 largely due to the Christmas shopping season. Chemicals and Allied products increased by (100) along with state government. Comparison with November 1989 reveals a decline of 500 jobs from a year ago. The goods producing sector suffered the loss (-900), while the service producing industry continued to expand (+400).

UNEMPLOYMENT: Total unemployment continued to decline during November 1990, with a decrease of 400. This decrease produced a decline in the unemployment rate of 0.3 of one percent, from 4.4 to 4.1 percent. However the current unemployment rate remains 0.7 of one percent above the November 1989's rate of 3.4 percent.

WV Series Labor Force Data
(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Nov.'90	Revised Oct.'90	Revised Nov.'89
Labor Force	125.1	125.4	124.1
Employment	120.0	119.9	119.9
Unemployment	5.1	5.5	4.2
Rate (%)	4.1	4.4	3.4

BLS Series Labor Force Data
(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Nov.'90	Revised Oct.'90	Revised Nov.'89
Labor Force	129.8	130.9	131.1
Employment	122.0	122.0	123.6
Unemployment	7.7	8.9	7.5
Rate (%)	6.0	6.8	5.7

NONAGRICULTURAL PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

	Prelim. Nov.'90	Revised Oct.'90	Revised Nov.'89	Change From: Oct. 1990	Change From: Nov. 1989
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL	111.1	110.4	111.6	0.7	-0.5
GOODS PRODUCING	27.0	26.9	27.9	0.1	-0.9
Mining	1.6	1.6	1.5	0.0	0.1
Construction	4.9	5.0	5.8	-0.1	-0.9
Manufacturing	20.5	20.3	20.6	0.2	-0.1
Durable Goods	12.1	11.9	12.3	0.2	-0.2
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	1.6	1.6	1.8	0.0	-0.2
Primary Metals Industries	7.7	7.7	7.7	0.0	0.0
Other Durable Goods	2.8	2.6	2.8	0.2	0.0
Nondurable Goods	8.4	8.4	8.3	0.0	0.1
Apparel & Other Textile Products	1.4	1.5	1.6	-0.1	-0.2
Chemical & Allied Products	4.6	4.5	4.5	0.1	0.1
Other Nondurable Goods	2.4	2.4	2.2	0.0	0.2
SERVICE PRODUCING	84.1	83.5	83.7	0.6	0.4
Transportation & Public Utilities	7.6	7.6	8.0	0.0	-0.4
Trade	28.7	28.2	28.5	0.5	0.2
Wholesale Trade	5.5	5.5	5.5	0.0	0.0
Retail Trade	23.2	22.7	23.0	0.5	0.2
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	3.8	3.8	3.8	0.0	0.0
Services	24.7	24.7	24.1	0.0	0.6
Health Services	10.3	10.3	10.0	0.0	0.3
Government	19.3	19.2	19.3	0.1	0.0
Federal	2.8	2.8	2.8	0.0	0.0
State	5.1	5.0	5.2	0.1	-0.1
Local	11.4	11.4	11.3	0.0	0.1
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.1	0.0	0.0	xx	xx

Average Hours and Earnings of Production Workers in Manufacturing

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Prelim. Nov.'90	Revised Oct.'90	Revised Nov.'89	Prelim. Nov.'90	Revised Oct.'90	Revised Nov.'89	Prelim. Nov.'90	Revised Oct.'90	Revised Nov.'89
Manufacturing	$592.66	$597.32	$534.52	42.7	41.8	41.5	$13.88	$14.29	$12.88
Durable Goods	598.46	667.36	556.42	42.9	43.0	41.4	13.95	15.52	13.44
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	541.95	522.09	435.76	43.6	42.9	38.7	12.43	12.17	11.26
Primary Metals Industries	657.41	770.35	620.59	42.8	43.4	41.4	15.36	17.75	14.99
Nondurable Goods	582.47	493.60	502.44	42.3	40.0	41.8	13.77	12.34	12.02

Parkersburg-Marietta Metropolitan Statistical Area

(Counties of Wood, West Virginia; Washington, Ohio)

HIGHLIGHTS

EMPLOYMENT: Total nonagricultural payroll employment in the Parkersburg-Marietta MSA edged downward (-200) in November 1990. Goods-producing businesses exclusively accounted for the change in employment during the month. Specifically, manufacturing produced a mild retreat (-200) whereas service producing employment held firm. Comparison with year ago 1989 data indicates total nonagricultural payroll employment declined 600. Goods-producing jobs fell noticeably (-800) during the year. Manufacturing suffered a mild drop (-200) while losses in construction employment (-600) were more severe. Service-producing employment for the year rose 200. Job losses in wholesale and retail trade (-300) were offset by advances in services (+300) and government (+200).

UNEMPLOYMENT: Total unemployment gained 200 in the Parkersburg-Marietta MSA during November 1990. The unemployment rate rose according to 4.4 percent of the civilian labor force. Compared to year ago 1989, the unemployment rate increased from 3.5 to 4.4 percent.

WV Series Labor Force Data
(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Nov.'90	Revised Oct.'90	Revised Nov.'89
Labor Force	68.9	69.2	68.5
Employment	65.9	66.3	66.1
Unemployment	3.0	2.8	2.4
Rate (%)	4.4	4.1	3.5

BLS Series Labor Force Data
(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Nov.'90	Revised Oct.'90	Revised Nov.'89
Labor Force	72.2	72.8	73.3
Employment	67.6	68.1	68.7
Unemployment	4.7	4.7	4.6
Rate (%)	6.5	6.5	6.3

NONAGRICULTURAL PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

	Prelim. Nov.'90	Revised Oct.'90	Revised Nov.'89	Change From: Oct. 1990	Change From: Nov. 1989
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL	61.8	62.0	62.4	-0.2	-0.6
GOODS PRODUCING	17.5	17.7	18.3	-0.2	-0.8
Mining	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.0	0.0
Construction	3.1	3.1	3.7	0.0	-0.6
Manufacturing	13.9	14.1	14.1	-0.2	-0.2
Durable Goods	6.8	7.0	7.1	-0.2	-0.3
Lumber, Wood Products & Furniture	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	1.7	1.8	1.8	-0.1	-0.1
Primary Metals Industries	2.8	2.8	2.9	0.0	-0.1
Other Durable Goods	1.3	1.4	1.4	-0.1	-0.1
Nondurable Goods	7.1	7.1	7.0	0.0	0.1
Chemical & Allied Products	5.3	5.3	5.2	0.0	0.1
Other Nondurable Goods	1.8	1.8	1.8	0.0	0.0
SERVICE PRODUCING	44.3	44.3	44.1	0.0	0.2
Transportation & Public Utilities	2.5	2.5	2.5	0.0	0.0
Trade	15.1	15.1	15.4	0.0	-0.3
Wholesale Trade	2.8	2.8	2.9	0.0	-0.1
Retail Trade	12.3	12.3	12.5	0.0	-0.2
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	2.2	2.2	2.2	0.0	0.0
Services	14.9	14.9	14.6	0.0	0.3
Health Services	4.5	4.5	4.4	0.0	0.1
Government	9.6	9.6	9.4	0.0	0.2
Federal	1.7	1.7	1.7	0.0	0.0
State	1.2	1.2	1.1	0.0	0.1
Local	6.7	6.7	6.6	0.0	0.1
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.0	xx	xx

Average Hours and Earnings of Production Workers in Manufacturing

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Prelim. Nov.'90	Revised Oct.'90	Revised Nov.'89	Prelim. Nov.'90	Revised Oct.'90	Revised Nov.'89	Prelim. Nov.'90	Revised Oct.'90	Revised Nov.'89
Manufacturing	$563.34	$559.65	$551.09	41.0	41.0	42.1	$13.74	$13.65	$13.09
Durable Goods	476.07	467.64	471.98	38.3	38.3	40.1	12.43	12.21	11.77
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	607.78	561.17	584.55	43.6	43.3	45.0	13.94	12.96	12.99
Primary Metals Industries	445.99	465.16	455.08	34.6	35.4	36.7	12.89	13.14	12.40
Nondurable Goods	667.42	671.59	649.49	44.2	44.3	44.7	15.10	15.16	14.53

Wheeling-Bridgeport Metropolitan Statistical Area

(Counties of Marshall and Ohio, West Virginia; Belmont, Ohio)

HIGHLIGHTS

EMPLOYMENT: The local job market situation remained essentially unchanged in the Wheeling-Bridgeport MSA during November 1990. Total nonagricultural payroll employment recorded only a slight increase (+200) over the month. All of the overall monthly increase occurred in the service-producing sector (+300), particularly in state government (+200 and retail trade (+100). The goods-producing sector declined by 100 during November 1990. Comparison with year-ago November 1989 data reveals an increase of 1,200 jobs. Both the goods-producing (+700) and service-producing (+500) sectors recorded impressive gains over the year. Surprisingly, mining (+300), construction (+100) and manufacturing (+300) all posted gains. Over-the-year increases in the MSA service-producing industries were scattered throughout the sector.

UNEMPLOYMENT: Total unemployment increased sharply during the month (+600), with a corresponding increase in the MSA unemployment rate to 3.7 percent of the civilian labor force. Comparison with year-ago November 1989 reveals a slight increase of 200 in unemployment over the year. The unemployment rate also increased slightly from 3.5 to 3.7 percent.

WV Series Labor Force Data
(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Nov.'90	Revised Oct.'90	Revised Nov.'89
Labor Force	69.7	69.1	68.0
Employment	67.1	67.0	65.6
Unemployment	2.6	2.0	2.4
Rate (%)	3.7	2.9	3.5

BLS Series Labor Force Data
(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Nov.'90	Revised Oct.'90	Revised Nov.'89
Labor Force	72.8	72.2	72.6
Employment	68.8	68.7	68.1
Unemployment	4.0	3.5	4.6
Rate (%)	5.5	4.8	6.3

NONAGRICULTURAL PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

	Prelim. Nov.'90	Revised Oct.'90	Revised Nov.'89	Change From: Oct. 1990	Change From: Nov. 1989
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL	62.0	61.8	60.8	0.2	1.2
GOODS PRODUCING	12.2	12.3	11.5	-0.1	0.7
Mining	2.4	2.4	2.1	0.0	0.3
Construction	2.3	2.4	2.2	-0.1	0.1
Manufacturing	7.5	7.5	7.2	0.0	0.3
Durable Goods	3.1	3.1	3.0	0.0	0.1
Nondurable Goods	4.4	4.4	4.2	0.0	0.2
SERVICE PRODUCING	49.8	49.5	49.3	0.3	0.5
Transportation & Public Utilities	3.4	3.4	3.4	0.0	0.0
Trade	17.1	17.0	16.9	0.1	0.2
Wholesale Trade	2.9	2.9	2.8	0.0	0.1
Retail Trade	14.2	14.1	14.1	0.1	0.1
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	3.1	3.1	3.0	0.0	0.1
Services	16.8	16.8	16.6	0.0	0.2
Health Services	7.8	7.8	7.8	0.0	0.0
Government	9.4	9.2	9.4	0.2	0.0
Federal	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.0	0.0
State	2.0	1.8	1.9	0.2	0.1
Local	6.7	6.7	6.8	0.0	-0.1
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.0	xx	xx

Average Hours and Earnings of Production Workers in Manufacturing

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Prelim. Nov.'90	Revised Oct.'90	Revised Nov.'89	Prelim. Nov.'90	Revised Oct.'90	Revised Nov.'89	Prelim. Nov.'90	Revised Oct.'90	Revised Nov.'89
Manufacturing	$555.40	$592.52	$623.25	42.3	43.6	45.0	$13.13	$13.59	$13.85
Nondurable Goods	602.76	660.77	713.11	41.8	43.5	46.7	14.42	15.19	15.27
Durable Goods	502.47	516.97	521.08	42.8	43.7	43.1	11.74	11.83	12.09

Applicants and Nonagricultural Job Openings in West Virginia Job Service Offices

Occupational Category	Applicants Available Program Year to Date 2/	Active File	NONAGRICULTURAL JOB OPENINGS				Applicant/ Openings Program Year to Date	Active File/ Unfilled Openings End of Month
			Received Program Year to Date 2/	UNFILLED Total	UNFILLED 30 Days or More	FILLED Total		
TOTAL 3/	96,234	39,520	22,162	3,219	2,282	16,679	4.3	12.3
Professional, Technical & Managerial	9,331	4,249	557	168	104	199	16.8	25.3
Clerical & Sales	27,182	10,250	4,138	1,011	687	2,621	6.6	10.1
Services	12,118	4,406	3,371	778	408	1,938	3.6	5.7
Agricultural, Fishery & Forestry	676	218	69	3	1	40	9.8	72.7
Processing	5,961	3,103	395	140	139	258	15.1	22.2
Machine Trades	6,304	3,010	578	137	108	242	10.9	22.0
Benchwork	4,341	2,029	785	151	146	612	5.5	13.4
Structural Work	14,467	6,518	1,196	250	184	658	12.1	26.1
Miscellaneous	18,079	6,440	11,072	581	505	10,111	1.6	11.1
Transportation	4,001	1,921	525	131	104	254	7.6	14.7
Packaging & Materials Handling	12,106	3,485	10,403	398	367	9,768	1.2	8.8
Other 4/	1,972	1,034	144	52	34	89	13.7	19.9
Entry Total 5/	64	15	0	0	0	0	xx	xx

1/ Source of Data: SAMS (State Employment Security Automated Management System); Table A96 containing fully registered applicants.

2/ Period Covered: July 1, 1990 through October 31, 1990. Program Year 1990 defined as July 1, 1990 through June 30, 1991.

3/ Total excludes invalid occupational data.

4/ Includes mining, logging, utilities, miscellaneous amusement and recreation, and graphic art work.

5/ Applicants for whom a complete occupational code cannot be assigned because of lack of training/experience.

Select Unemployment Compensation Claims Activities

State UI Program Activity	November 1990	October 1990	November 1989	Percent Change to November 1990 from Oct. 1990	Percent Change to November 1990 from Nov. 1989
Total Initial Claims 1/	9,766	8,494	6,733	15.0	45.0
Total Continued Weeks	65,440	60,769	53,800	7.7	21.6
Total Benefits Paid	$7,215,075	$7,350,434	$6,212,030	-1.8	16.1
Total Weeks Compensated	49,549	50,919	44,380	-2.7	11.6
Average Weekly Payment	$145.61	$144.36	$139.97	0.9	4.0
Monthly Insured Unemployment Rate 2/	2.5	2.3	1.9	xx	xx
UC Fund Balance, End of Month	$157,231,747	$155,076,011	$148,609,860	1.4	5.8

1/ Excluding transitional claims.

2/ Seasonally unadjusted.

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Economic Summary

A Monthly Newsletter on Economic Activity in West Virginia January 1991

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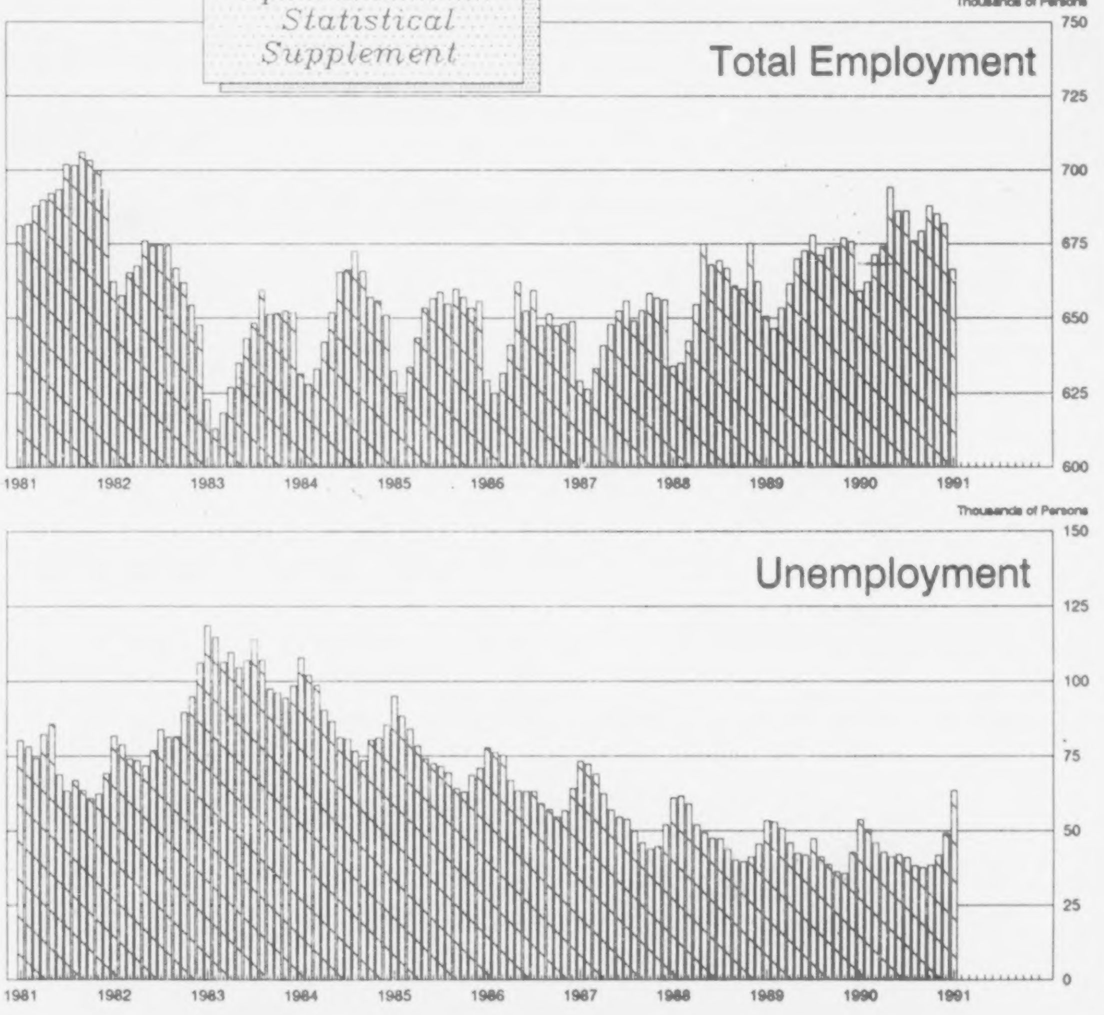

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West Virginia Economic Indicators

	Jan. 1991	Dec. 1990	Jan. 1990
Average Weekly Hours in Manufacturing			
Unadjusted	40.7	42.0	40.6
Seasonally Adjusted	40.8	41.8	40.7
Total Production Worker Hours in Manufacturing (000), Weekly, Unadjusted	2,598	2,697	2,687
Average Weekly Earnings in Manufacturing, Unadjusted	$473.34	$492.66	$460.40
Average Weekly Hours in Bituminous Coal Mining, Unadjusted	46.9	44.2	46.7
Average Weekly Earnings in Bituminous Coal Mining, Unadjusted	$871.40	$805.32	$835.00
Coal Production (000 Tons)			
Unadjusted	13,257	12,300	14,542
Seasonally Adjusted	13,304	12,850	14,593
Commercial and Industrial Electric Power Sales (000,000 KWH)			
Unadjusted	1,212	1,151	1,252
Seasonally Adjusted	1,123	1,165	1,160
New Motor Vehicle Registrations, Unadjusted	5,127	5,323	6,396
Interstate Initial Claims			
Unadjusted	2,041	1,394	1,515
Seasonally Adjusted	1,290	1,180	958
Average Weekly Initial Claims			
Unadjusted	3,945	2,237	3,125
Seasonally Adjusted	1,955	1,794	1,549
Insured Unemployment Rate			
Unadjusted	4.7	3.6	3.6
Seasonally Adjusted	3.4	3.4	2.6
Total Unemployment Rate, Seasonally Adjusted (WV Series)	7.3	6.6	6.3

NOTE: Data for prior month and year may be revised from previously published figures.

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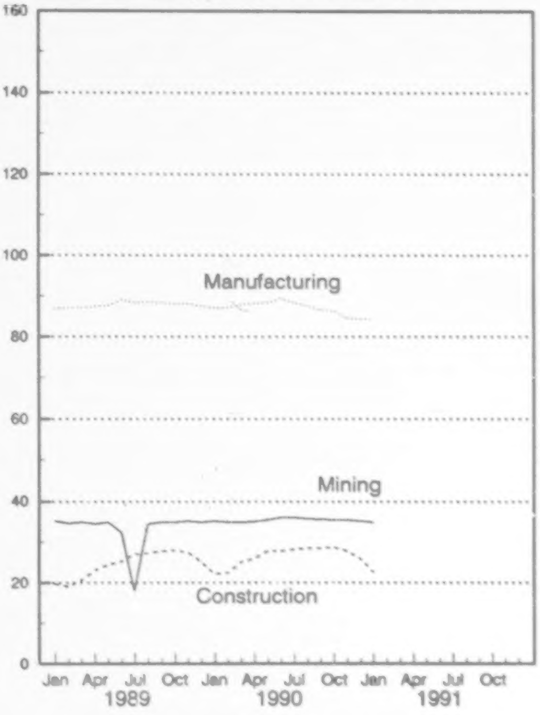
Selected National Data

	Jan. 1991	Dec. 1990	Jan. 1990
Civilian Unemployment Rate			
Unadjusted	7.0	5.9	5.9
Seasonally Adjusted	6.2	6.1	5.3
Consumer Price Index, All Urban Consumers			
Unadjusted			
1982-84 Base	134.6	133.8	127.4
1967 Base	403.1	400.9	381.5
Producer Price Index, Finished Goods Unadjusted, 1982 Base	121.9	121.9	117.6
Initial Claims for Unemployment Insurance (000) Week including 12th, Unadjusted	863.1	522.9	705.4
Insured Unemployment Rate, Week including 12th			
Unadjusted	3.7	2.9	2.8
Seasonally Adjusted	3.0	2.8	2.2

Trends in the West Virginia Labor Market

Goods Producing Employment

Employment in Thousands



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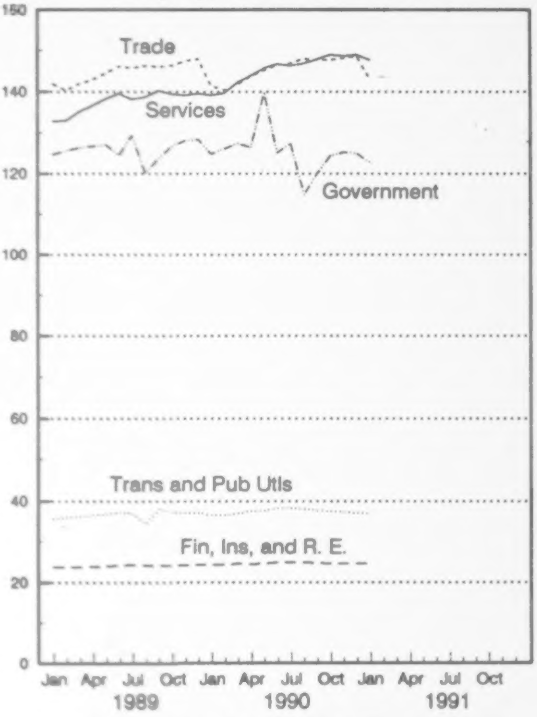

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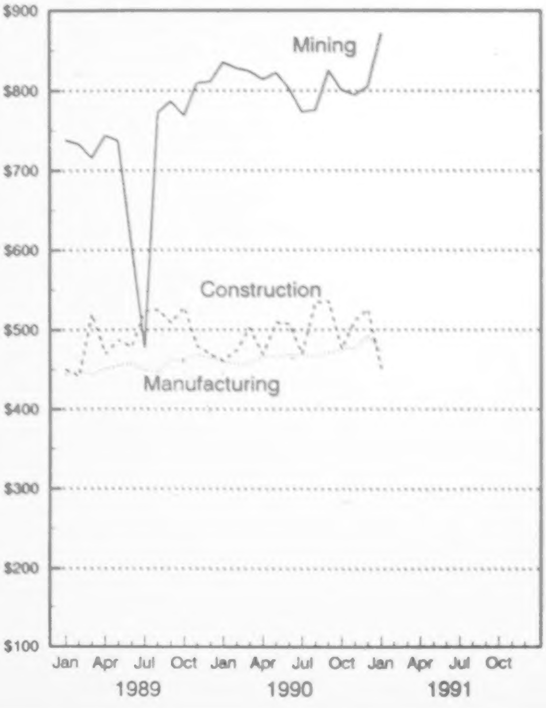

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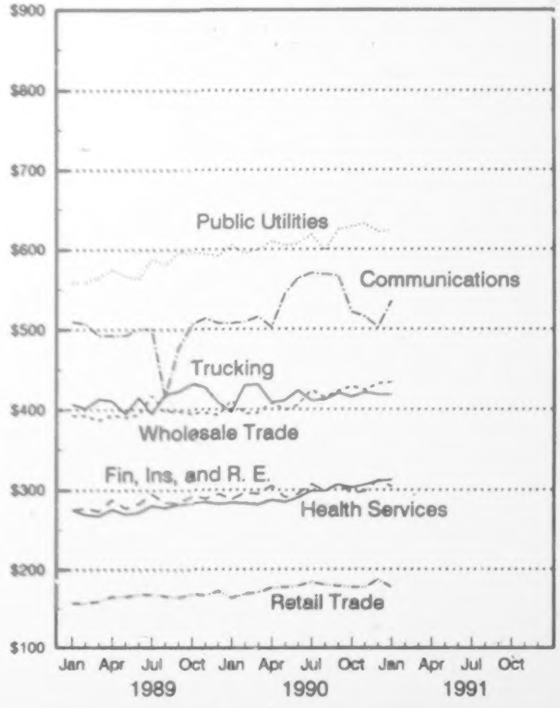

Total Employment, Unemployment, and Civilian Labor Force In West Virginia

WV Series Labor Force Data
(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Jan.'91	Revised Dec.'90	Revised Jan.'90	Change From: Dec. 1990	Jan. 1990
Civilian Labor Force	729.9	730.7	712.6	-0.8	17.3
Total Employment	666.3	681.7	659.0	-15.4	7.3
Total Unemployment	63.5	49.0	53.6	14.5	9.9
Unemployment Rate	8.7	6.7	7.5	xx	xx

BLS Series Labor Force Data
(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Jan.'91	Revised Dec.'90	Revised Jan.'90	Change From: Dec. 1990	Jan. 1990
Civilian Labor Force	771.8	777.7	768.9	-5.9	2.9
Total Employment	690.0	704.0	698.4	-14.0	-8.4
Total Unemployment	81.9	73.8	70.5	8.1	11.4
Unemployment Rate	10.6	9.5	9.2	xx	xx

EMPLOYMENT: Total employment decreased 15,400 during the month to an estimated 666,300 in mid-January. A large seasonal decline in employment is typical for this time of year. There were 7,300 more people employed in West Virginia this January than in January of last year, however.

Payroll employment in the nonfarm sectors of West Virginia's economy decreased to 617,100 between December and January, showing losses at both the goods-producing (-3,700) and service-producing (-9,300) aggregate levels.

A shrinking number of construction jobs pulled down the goods-producing sector, with declines of 700 in building construction, 1,700 in heavy construction and 800 among special trade contractors. Such curtailments are typical for winter construction employment. In addition, mining lost 300 (scattered among coal mining -100, oil and gas -100, and other mining -100), and manufacturing edged down by 200. Dominating the retrenchment among service-producing employers was a 5,600 loss in trade, caused by a combination of restructuring and seasonal downtrends. Government experienced an illusory drop of 2,200 as a result of seasonal fluctuations among part-time and student workers in schools and colleges. Private educational services moved down 600 for the same reason, which in combination with scattered seasonal losses elsewhere caused the services category to register a monthly decrease of 1,200.

The count of nonfarm payroll jobs this month remains an encouraging 6,500 ahead of last January. The additional employees have been added in the service-producing industries, which are up 8,900 over the year, while goods-producing employment has dwindled by 2,400 since January a year ago.

UNEMPLOYMENT: The number of unemployed state residents swelled 14,500 to an estimated 63,500 in mid-January. This represents an unemployment rate of 8.7 percent for January, up significantly from 6.7 last month and 7.5 in January of 1990. While unemployment normally reaches its seasonal peak in January and February, the increase since last year reflects an economy weakened by the national recession.

Average Hours and Earnings, West Virginia Production Workers, Select Industries

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Prelim. Jan.'91	Revised Dec.'90	Revised Jan.'90	Prelim. Jan.'91	Revised Dec.'90	Revised Jan.'90	Prelim. Jan.'91	Revised Dec.'90	Revised Jan.'90
Manufacturing	$473.34	$492.66	$460.40	40.7	42.0	40.6	$11.63	$11.73	$11.34
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	437.58	454.06	442.22	39.0	39.9	39.1	11.22	11.38	11.31
Primary Metals Industries	675.62	725.46	592.45	43.9	47.2	42.9	15.39	15.37	13.81
Fabricated Metal Products	456.65	463.14	413.00	40.7	41.5	38.1	11.22	11.16	10.84
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	405.52	480.00	480.48	37.0	40.0	41.6	10.96	12.00	11.55
Electronic & Electrical Equipment	555.13	566.15	505.47	43.0	44.3	41.5	12.91	12.78	12.18
Chemical & Allied Products	694.98	702.85	675.07	43.6	44.4	44.5	15.94	15.83	15.17
Coal Mining	871.40	805.32	835.00	46.9	44.2	46.7	18.58	18.22	17.88
Construction	451.55	525.33	461.47	33.9	39.0	36.8	13.32	13.47	12.54

Statewide Nonfarm Payroll Employment by Industry

(In Thousands – Not Seasonally Adjusted)

January 1991

	Prelim. Jan.'91	Revised Dec.'90	Revised Jan.'90	Change From: Dec. 1990	Jan. 1990
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	617.1	630.1	610.6	-13.0	6.5
PRIVATE SECTOR	494.4	505.2	485.8	-10.8	8.6
GOODS PRODUCING	142.0	145.7	144.4	-3.7	-2.4
Mining	35.0	35.3	35.2	-0.3	-0.2
Coal Mining	29.4	29.5	29.7	-0.1	-0.3
Oil & Gas Extraction	4.6	4.7	4.5	-0.1	0.1
Other Mining	1.0	1.1	1.0	-0.1	0.0
Construction	22.8	26.0	22.2	-3.2	0.6
General Building Contractors	6.3	7.0	6.0	-0.7	0.3
Heavy Construction	5.4	7.1	5.2	-1.7	0.2
Special Trade Contractors	11.1	11.9	11.0	-0.8	0.1
Manufacturing	84.2	84.4	87.0	-0.2	-2.8
Durable Goods	47.3	46.9	49.2	0.4	-1.9
Lumber, Wood Products & Furniture	7.3	7.4	7.3	-0.1	0.0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	7.6	7.7	7.8	-0.1	-0.2
Primary Metals Industries	13.8	13.1	15.0	0.7	-1.2
Fabricated Metal Products	5.6	5.7	5.6	-0.1	0.0
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	5.7	5.7	6.0	0.0	-0.3
Electronic & Electrical Equipment	2.4	2.4	2.7	0.0	-0.3
Transportation Equipment	2.4	2.5	2.4	-0.1	0.0
Other Durable Goods	2.5	2.4	2.4	0.1	0.1
Nondurable Goods	36.9	37.5	37.8	-0.6	-0.9
Food & Kindred Products	4.2	4.3	4.1	-0.1	0.1
Textile Mill Products	0.8	0.9	0.8	-0.1	0.0
Apparel & Other Textile Products	4.2	4.4	4.4	-0.2	-0.2
Paper & Allied Products	1.1	1.1	1.0	0.0	0.1
Printing & Publishing	5.0	5.1	5.1	-0.1	-0.1
Chemical & Allied Products	17.2	17.3	17.9	-0.1	-0.7
Other Nondurable Goods	4.4	4.4	4.5	0.0	-0.1
SERVICE PRODUCING	475.1	484.4	466.2	-9.3	8.9
Transportation & Public Utilities	36.9	37.1	36.6	-0.2	0.3
Railroad Transportation	3.8	3.8	3.9	0.0	-0.1
Trucking & Warehousing	9.0	9.2	9.0	-0.2	0.0
Other Transportation	3.6	3.6	3.4	0.0	0.2
Communications	8.2	8.1	8.0	0.1	0.2
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	12.3	12.4	12.3	-0.1	0.0
Trade	143.1	148.7	141.3	-5.6	1.8
Wholesale Trade	29.7	30.3	29.2	-0.6	0.5
Retail Trade	113.4	118.4	112.1	-5.0	1.3
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	4.8	4.9	4.4	-0.1	0.4
General Merchandise Stores	16.4	18.1	17.6	-1.7	-1.2
Food Stores	23.0	23.2	21.9	-0.2	1.1
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	14.5	14.6	14.5	-0.1	0.0
Apparel & Accessory Stores	6.3	6.7	5.6	-0.4	0.7
Home Furniture & Equipment Stores	4.2	4.4	4.5	-0.2	-0.3
Eating & Drinking Places	32.8	34.4	32.3	-1.6	0.5
Miscellaneous Retail	11.4	12.1	11.3	-0.7	0.1
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	24.6	24.7	24.4	-0.1	0.2
Finance	14.1	14.0	14.0	0.1	0.1
Insurance	6.3	6.4	6.5	-0.1	-0.2
Real Estate	4.2	4.3	3.9	-0.1	0.3
Services	147.8	149.0	139.1	-1.2	8.7
Agricultural Services	2.0	2.2	1.3	-0.2	0.7
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	8.4	8.7	8.3	-0.3	0.1
Personal Services	6.1	6.2	6.4	-0.1	-0.3
Business Services	14.3	14.5	13.3	-0.2	1.0
Automotive & Miscellaneous Repair Services	6.2	6.2	6.1	0.0	0.1
Amusements, incl. Motion Pictures	5.0	5.2	4.7	-0.2	0.3
Health Services	56.7	56.6	53.3	0.1	3.4
Nursing & Personal Care Homes	10.6	10.6	9.8	0.0	0.8
Hospitals	28.3	28.3	27.0	0.0	1.3
Other Health Services	17.8	17.7	16.5	0.1	1.3
Legal Services	4.1	4.1	3.8	0.0	0.3
Educational Services	5.7	6.3	5.3	-0.6	0.4
Social Services	10.4	10.2	8.8	0.2	1.6
Membership Organizations	19.6	19.6	19.3	0.0	0.3
Engineering & Management Services	8.5	8.5	7.8	0.0	0.7
Other Services	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.1	0.1
Government	122.7	124.9	124.8	-2.2	-2.1
Federal	14.7	14.5	16.2	0.2	-1.5
Hospitals	3.0	2.9	2.9	0.1	0.1
U S Postal Service	5.0	5.0	5.1	0.0	-0.1
Other Federal	6.7	6.6	8.2	0.1	-1.5
State	37.2	39.1	38.4	-1.9	-1.2
Hospitals	2.5	2.5	3.0	0.0	-0.5
Education	16.3	18.3	16.7	-2.0	-0.4
Other State	18.4	18.3	18.7	0.1	-0.3
Local	70.8	71.3	70.2	-0.5	0.6
Hospitals	5.0	5.0	4.8	0.0	0.2
Education	45.6	45.8	45.7	-0.2	-0.1
Other Local	20.2	20.5	19.7	-0.3	0.5
Labor-Management Dispute Status	2.0	2.2	0.9	xx	xx

Women Workers
Statewide Nonfarm Payroll Employment by Industry

(In Thousands – Not Seasonally Adjusted)

January 1991

	Prelim. Jan. '91	Revised Dec. '90	Revised Jan. '90	Change From: Dec. 1990	Jan. 1990
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	273.4	278.4	259.5	-5.0	13.9
PRIVATE SECTOR	210.0	213.2	197.1	-3.2	12.9
GOODS PRODUCING	23.9	24.2	23.6	-0.3	0.3
Mining	2.0	2.0	2.0	0.0	0.0
Coal Mining	1.1	1.1	1.1	0.0	0.0
Oil & Gas Extraction	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.0	0.0
Construction	2.0	2.1	1.8	-0.1	0.2
General Building Contractors	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.1	0.1
Heavy Construction	0.4	0.5	0.4	-0.1	0.0
Special Trade Contractors	1.1	1.2	1.0	-0.1	0.1
Manufacturing	19.9	20.1	19.8	-0.2	0.1
Durable Goods	7.7	7.7	7.8	0.0	-0.1
Lumber, Wood Products & Furniture	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.0	0.0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	2.3	2.3	2.3	0.0	0.0
Primary Metals Industries	1.1	1.1	1.1	0.0	0.0
Fabricated Metal Products	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.0	0.0
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	0.7	0.8	0.8	-0.1	-0.1
Electronic & Electrical Equipment	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.0	-0.1
Transportation Equipment	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.0	0.0
Other Durable Goods	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.1	0.1
Nondurable Goods	12.2	12.4	12.0	-0.2	0.2
Food & Kindred Products	1.1	1.1	1.0	0.0	0.1
Textile Mill Products	0.5	0.6	0.5	-0.1	0.0
Apparel & Other Textile Products	3.5	3.7	3.6	-0.2	-0.1
Paper & Allied Products	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.0	0.1
Printing & Publishing	1.9	1.9	1.8	0.0	0.1
Chemical & Allied Products	3.0	3.0	3.0	0.0	0.0
Other Nondurable Goods	1.8	1.7	1.8	0.1	0.0
SERVICE PRODUCING	249.5	254.2	235.9	-4.7	13.6
Transportation & Public Utilities	8.0	8.0	7.6	0.0	0.4
Trucking & Warehousing	0.8	0.9	0.8	-0.1	0.0
Other Transportation	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.0	0.1
Communications	3.7	3.6	3.5	0.1	0.2
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	2.4	2.4	2.3	0.0	0.1
Trade	67.0	69.9	61.9	-2.9	5.1
Wholesale Trade	5.6	5.7	5.2	-0.1	0.4
Retail Trade	61.4	64.2	56.7	-2.8	4.7
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.0	0.1
General Merchandise Stores	11.1	12.1	10.8	-1.0	0.3
Food Stores	12.0	12.1	10.1	-0.1	1.9
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	3.4	3.5	3.1	-0.1	0.3
Apparel & Accessory Stores	5.1	5.6	4.5	-0.5	0.6
Home Furniture & Equipment Stores	1.5	1.6	1.5	-0.1	0.0
Eating & Drinking Places	19.1	19.6	17.6	-0.5	1.5
Miscellaneous Retail	8.3	8.8	8.3	-0.5	0.0
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	15.4	15.4	15.6	0.0	-0.2
Finance	11.0	10.8	10.5	0.2	0.5
Insurance	2.8	2.9	3.3	-0.1	-0.5
Real Estate	1.6	1.7	1.8	-0.1	-0.2
Services	95.7	95.7	88.4	0.0	7.3
Agricultural Services	0.8	0.8	0.5	0.0	0.3
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	4.6	4.9	4.2	-0.3	0.4
Personal Services	3.8	4.0	3.4	-0.2	0.4
Business Services	7.5	7.0	6.1	0.5	1.4
Automotive & Miscellaneous Repair Services	1.1	1.1	1.3	0.0	-0.2
Amusements, incl. Motion Pictures	2.4	2.5	2.1	-0.1	0.3
Health Services	46.5	46.4	43.2	0.1	3.3
Nursing & Personal Care Homes	9.3	9.2	7.8	0.1	1.5
Hospitals	23.4	23.5	22.1	-0.1	1.3
Other Health Services	13.8	13.7	13.3	0.1	0.5
Legal Services	3.3	3.3	3.1	0.0	0.2
Educational Services	3.2	3.6	2.9	-0.4	0.3
Social Services	7.5	7.3	6.2	0.2	1.3
Membership Organizations	11.4	11.2	11.9	0.2	-0.5
Engineering & Management Services	3.1	3.1	3.1	0.0	0.0
Goverument	63.4	65.2	62.4	-1.8	1.0
Federal	6.2	6.2	6.8	0.0	-0.6
Hospitals	1.6	1.6	1.6	0.0	0.0
U S Postal Service	1.4	1.4	1.3	0.0	0.1
Other Federal	3.2	3.2	3.9	0.0	-0.7
State	16.9	18.9	17.4	-2.0	-0.5
Hospitals	1.7	1.8	2.0	-0.1	-0.3
Education	7.7	9.5	8.0	-1.8	-0.3
Other State	7.5	7.6	7.4	-0.1	0.1
Local	40.3	40.1	38.2	0.2	2.1
Hospitals	4.3	4.1	4.0	0.2	0.3
Education	29.1	29.0	27.6	0.1	1.5
Other Local	6.9	7.0	6.6	-0.1	0.3

Special Annual Statistical Supplement

West Virginia Labor Force Data

(WV Series, In Thousands)

	1990	1989	1988	Change From: 1989	Change From: 1988
Civilian Labor Force	722.0	710.9	707.4	11.1	14.6
Total Employment	678.5	666.9	658.5	11.6	20.0
Total Unemployment	43.5	44.0	49.0	-0.5	-5.5
Unemployment Rate	6.0	6.2	6.9	xx	xx

West Virginia Labor Force Data

(BLS Series, In Thousands)

Civilian Labor Force	772.0	767.0	739.0	5.0	33.0
Total Employment	708.0	701.0	665.0	7.0	43.0
Total Unemployment	64.0	66.0	74.0	-2.0	-10.0
Unemployment Rate	8.3	8.6	9.9	xx	xx

With a national recession of indeterminate duration and magnitude underway, 1991 is clearly beginning on a sour economic note. In contrast, 1990 was an exceptionally good year, with West Virginia's economy giving its best performance in some time, as revealed by the revised 1989 and 1990 annual data in this special supplement.

The unemployment rate dipped to 6.0 percent, down two-tenths from 1989 and the lowest for any year since 1979, while total employment rose to 678,500, the best since 1981. While the number of unemployed declined only slightly, the labor force grew by 11,100 to 722,000, the highest since 1985. Those who prefer the BLS series of data will find that while the figures differ, the trends are nearly identical.

Progress is even more obvious in the nonfarm payroll employment series. The 1989 total was revised upward 1,900 from previously published data, and 1990 added an additional 13,100 payroll jobs to bring nonfarm payroll employment to 627,800. This over-the-year increase is the best for any recent year except 1984, when a brief recovery from the deep trough of the last recession added 14,300 to the payroll job count. With a decline in government employment, West Virginia's private sector added 13,500 payroll jobs in 1990, the greatest annual increase since 1979 by a significant margin.

Among the major industry groups only manufacturing and government recorded losses, of 700 and 400 respectively, between 1989 and 1990. Job gains included 2,200 in mining, 2,000 in construction, 900 in transportation and utilities, 700 in trade and 600 in finance. By far the largest increase occurred in services, which added 8,000 jobs.

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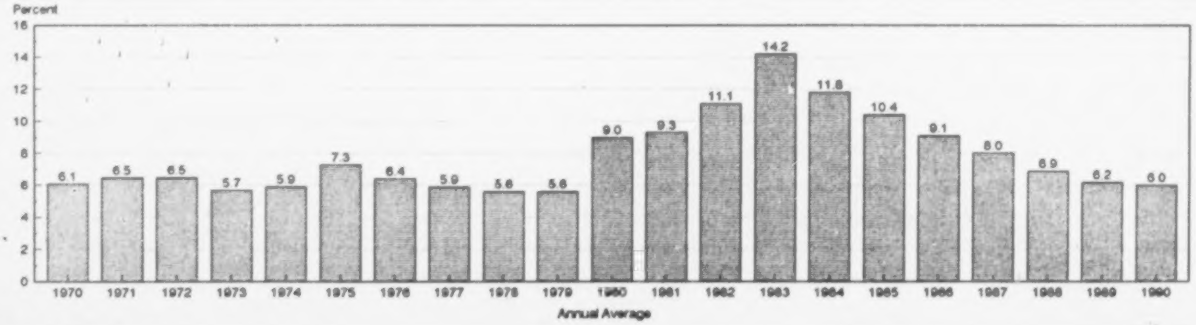
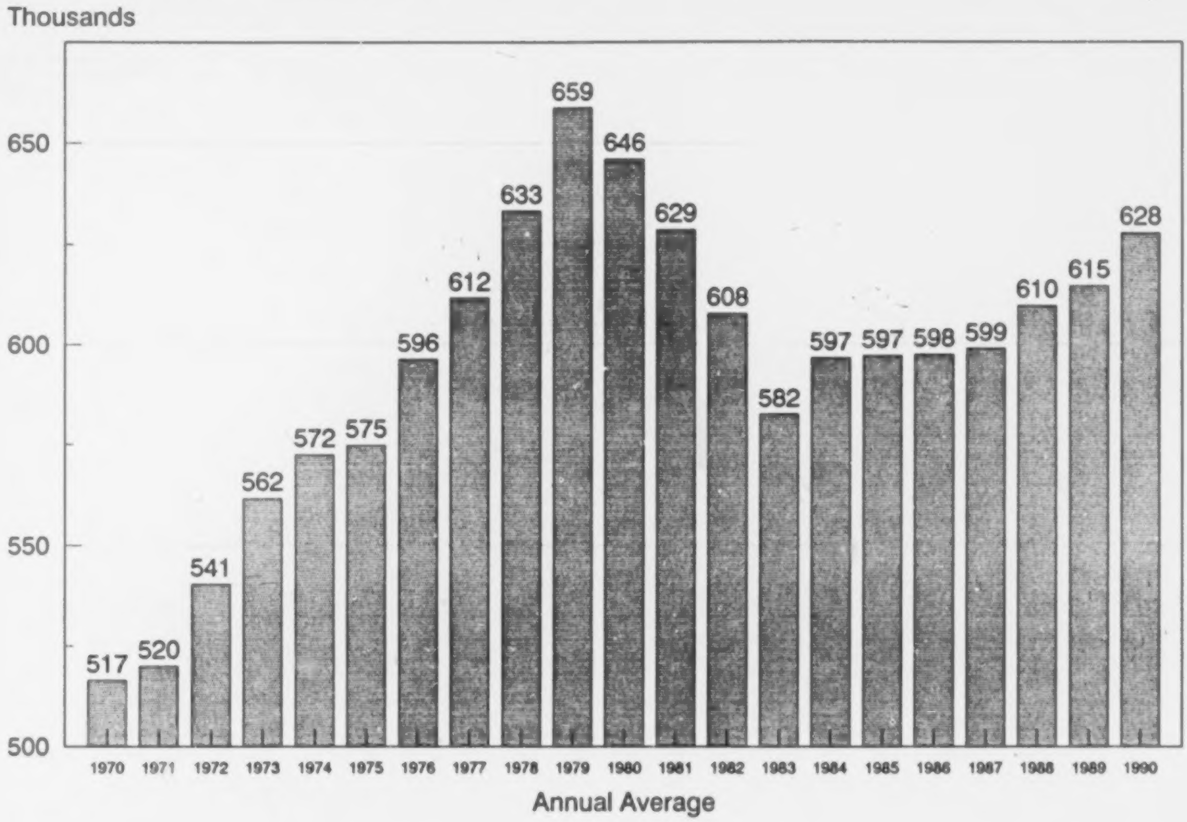
Unemployment Rates in West Virginia

(WV Series Labor Force Data)



West Virginia Nonfarm Payroll Employment



Since services has accounted for most of the recent job growth in West Virginia as well as the rest of the United States, it seems appropriate to consider this broad industry in greater detail. With employment of145,500 in 1990, services exactly matched trade for that year and currently exceeds it to become the largest major industry group, as it is nationally. As recently as 1980, services comprised fewer than 100,000 jobs in West Virginia.

Within services, health services is much the largest industry, with 2,500 added jobs in 1990 and 55,100 all told. Engineering and management services and social services each gained 1,200 in 1990, followed closely by business services with 1,100. Other significant increases included 500 in repair services, 400 in legal services, and 300 in educational services. Agricultural services, personal services, hotels, amusements, and membership organizations added 100 each. For the most part these increases are merely a continuation of trends of the last several years.

Comparing 1990 with 1988 shows 18,000 added payroll jobs in West Virginia, with a 21,800 increase in the private sector offsetting a loss of 3,800 in government. All major private industry groups are up over the two year period, with job gains of 900 in mining, 2,300 in construction, 100 in manufacturing, 900 in transportation and utilities, 2,800 in trade, 400 in finance and 14,400 in services.

New Economic Data Released

New economic information on employment in West Virginia is available from Labor and Economic Research. More detailed than presented here, the data are for 1990 and revised 1989 and includes all major industry sectors. Write or call Labor and Economic Research (304-348-2660).

Statewide Nonfarm Payroll Employment by Industry

(In Thousands)

Annual Averages

	1990	1989	1988	Change From:	
				1989	1988
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	627.8	614.7	609.8	13.1	18.0
PRIVATE SECTOR	502.3	488.8	480.5	13.5	21.8
GOODS PRODUCING	149.2	145.7	145.9	3.5	3.3
Mining	35.5	33.3	34.6	2.2	0.9
Coal Mining	29.9	27.8	29.4	2.1	0.5
Oil & Gas Extraction	4.6	4.5	4.3	0.1	0.3
Other Mining	1.0	1.1	1.0	-0.1	0.0
Construction	26.6	24.6	24.3	2.0	2.3
General Building Contractors	6.7	6.5	6.8	0.2	-0.1
Heavy Construction	7.6	6.3	6.1	1.3	1.5
Special Trade Contractors	12.4	11.8	11.4	0.6	1.0
Manufacturing	87.1	87.8	87.0	-0.7	0.1
Durable Goods	49.2	49.7	48.5	-0.5	0.7
Lumber, Wood Products & Furniture	7.7	7.5	7.4	0.2	0.3
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	7.8	8.0	8.1	-0.2	-0.3
Primary Metals Industries	14.7	15.1	15.0	-0.4	-0.3
Fabricated Metal Products	5.6	5.5	5.3	0.1	0.3
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	5.9	6.0	5.6	-0.1	0.3
Electronic & Electrical Equipment	2.6	2.6	2.7	0.0	-0.1
Transportation Equipment	2.5	2.6	2.4	-0.1	0.1
Other Durable Goods	2.4	2.4	2.1	0.0	0.3
Nondurable Goods	38.0	38.1	38.5	-0.1	-0.5
Food & Kindred Products	4.2	4.0	4.3	0.2	-0.1
Textile Mill Products	0.9	0.9	1.0	0.0	-0.1
Apparel & Other Textile Products	4.4	4.3	3.8	0.1	0.6
Paper & Allied Products	1.1	1.3	1.4	-0.2	-0.3
Printing & Publishing	5.1	4.9	4.8	0.2	0.3
Chemical & Allied Products	17.7	17.9	18.2	-0.2	-0.5
Other Nondurable Goods	4.6	4.7	5.0	-0.1	-0.4
SERVICE PRODUCING	478.6	469.0	463.9	9.6	14.7
Transportation & Public Utilities	37.5	36.6	36.6	0.9	0.9
Railroad Transportation	3.9	4.1	4.4	-0.2	-0.5
Trucking & Warehousing	9.4	9.0	8.6	0.4	0.8
Other Transportation	3.6	3.3	3.2	0.3	0.4
Communications	8.1	7.9	8.0	0.2	0.1
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	12.5	12.3	12.4	0.2	0.1
Trade	145.5	144.8	142.7	0.7	2.8
Wholesale Trade	29.9	30.1	29.8	-0.2	0.1
Retail Trade	115.6	114.7	112.8	0.9	2.8
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	4.9	5.0	5.0	-0.1	-0.1
General Merchandise Stores	16.3	17.7	18.1	-1.4	-1.8
Food Stores	22.5	22.3	21.8	0.2	0.7
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	14.9	14.8	15.0	0.1	-0.1
Apparel & Accessory Stores	6.4	5.4	5.4	1.0	1.0
Home Furniture & Equipment Stores	4.4	4.5	4.6	-0.1	-0.2
Eating & Drinking Places	34.9	34.0	32.3	0.9	2.6
Miscellaneous Retail	11.4	11.0	10.6	0.4	0.8
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	24.7	24.1	24.3	0.6	0.4
Finance	14.1	13.8	14.0	0.3	0.1
Insurance	6.5	6.3	6.2	0.2	0.3
Real Estate	4.2	4.0	4.1	0.2	0.1
Services	145.5	137.5	131.1	8.0	14.4
Agricultural Services	2.1	2.0	1.8	0.1	0.3
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	8.5	8.4	8.1	0.1	0.4
Personal Services	6.3	6.2	6.2	0.1	0.1
Business Services	14.1	13.0	11.6	1.1	2.5
Automotive & Miscellaneous Repair Services	6.2	5.7	5.4	0.5	0.8
Amusements, incl. Motion Pictures	5.9	5.8	5.6	0.1	0.3
Health Services	55.1	52.6	50.3	2.5	4.8
Nursing & Personal Care Homes	10.2	9.5	8.8	0.7	1.4
Hospitals	27.7	26.9	26.2	0.8	1.5
Other Health Services	17.2	16.2	15.4	1.0	1.8
Legal Services	4.0	3.6	3.4	0.4	0.6
Educational Services	5.4	5.1	5.1	0.3	0.3
Social Services	9.3	8.1	7.2	1.2	2.1
Membership Organizations	19.5	19.4	19.5	0.1	0.0
Engineering & Management Services	8.4	7.2	6.1	1.2	2.3
Other Services	0.7	0.7	0.9	0.0	-0.2
Government	125.5	125.9	129.3	-0.4	-3.8
Federal	16.2	16.6	16.1	-0.4	0.1
Hospitals	2.9	2.9	2.9	0.0	0.0
U S Postal Service	5.1	5.2	5.2	-0.1	-0.1
Other Federal	8.2	8.6	8.1	-0.4	0.1
State	38.2	38.8	39.9	-0.6	-1.7
Hospitals	2.8	3.1	3.3	-0.3	-0.5
Education	15.9	15.8	15.4	0.1	0.5
Other State	19.5	19.9	21.2	-0.4	-1.7
Local	71.1	70.5	73.2	0.6	-2.1
Hospitals	4.9	4.8	4.7	0.1	0.2
Education	44.6	45.6	46.6	-1.0	-2.0
Other Local	21.6	20.2	22.0	1.4	-0.4

Women Workers
Statewide Nonfarm Payroll Employment by Industry

(In Thousands)

Annual Averages

	1990	1989	1988	Change From: 1989	1988
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	270.4	253.6	247.1	16.8	23.3
PRIVATE SECTOR	206.4	192.3	185.2	14.1	21.2
GOODS PRODUCING	24.5	23.5	22.9	1.0	1.6
Mining	2.1	1.9	1.9	0.2	0.2
Coal Mining	1.1	1.1	1.1	0.0	0.0
Oil & Gas Extraction	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.0	0.0
Construction	2.1	1.7	1.6	0.4	0.5
General Building Contractors	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.0	0.0
Heavy Construction	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2
Special Trade Contractors	1.2	1.0	0.9	0.2	0.3
Manufacturing	20.3	19.9	19.3	0.4	1.0
Durable Goods	7.9	7.9	7.6	0.0	0.3
Lumber, Wood Products & Furniture	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.0	0.1
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	2.3	2.3	2.3	0.0	0.0
Primary Metals Industries	1.2	1.1	1.1	0.1	0.1
Fabricated Metal Products	0.8	0.9	0.9	-0.1	-0.1
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.0	0.1
Electronic & Electrical Equipment	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.0	0.0
Transportation Equipment	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.0	0.1
Other Durable Goods	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.1	0.2
Nondurable Goods	12.3	12.0	11.7	0.3	0.6
Food & Kindred Products	1.1	0.9	1.0	0.2	0.1
Textile Mill Products	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.0	-0.1
Apparel & Other Textile Products	3.6	3.4	3.0	0.2	0.6
Paper & Allied Products	0.4	0.6	0.6	-0.2	-0.2
Printing & Publishing	1.9	1.7	1.6	0.2	0.3
Chemical & Allied Products	3.1	2.9	2.8	0.2	0.3
Other Nondurable Goods	1.8	1.9	2.1	-0.1	-0.3
SERVICE PRODUCING	246.0	230.1	224.1	15.9	21.9
Transportation & Public Utilities	7.9	7.7	7.6	0.2	0.3
Trucking & Warehousing	0.9	0.8	0.7	0.1	0.2
Other Transportation	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.1	0.1
Communications	3.6	3.7	3.7	-0.1	-0.1
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	2.4	2.3	2.2	0.1	0.2
Trade	66.0	60.0	57.9	6.0	8.1
Wholesale Trade	5.5	5.2	5.1	0.3	0.4
Retail Trade	60.5	54.8	52.9	5.7	7.6
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	0.9	0.7	0.7	0.2	0.2
General Merchandise Stores	10.5	10.3	10.3	0.2	0.2
Food Stores	11.1	9.9	9.4	1.2	1.7
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	3.3	3.1	3.0	0.2	0.3
Apparel & Accessory Stores	5.3	4.2	4.1	1.1	1.2
Home Furniture & Equipment Stores	1.5	1.5	1.5	0.0	0.0
Eating & Drinking Places	19.6	17.6	16.5	2.0	3.1
Miscellaneous Retail	8.4	7.5	7.3	0.9	1.1
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	15.5	15.1	15.2	0.4	0.3
Finance	10.7	9.9	9.9	0.8	0.8
Insurance	3.1	3.4	3.4	-0.3	-0.3
Real Estate	1.7	1.9	1.9	-0.2	-0.2
Services	92.5	85.9	81.6	6.6	10.9
Agricultural Services	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.1	0.2
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	4.5	3.9	3.8	0.6	0.7
Personal Services	3.6	3.1	3.1	0.5	0.5
Business Services	6.6	5.8	5.2	0.8	1.4
Automotive & Miscellaneous Repair Services	1.2	1.2	1.2	0.0	0.0
Amusements, incl. Motion Pictures	2.7	2.4	2.3	0.3	0.4
Health Services	45.1	42.5	40.7	2.6	4.4
Nursing & Personal Care Homes	8.6	7.1	6.5	1.5	2.1
Hospitals	22.9	22.0	21.3	0.9	1.6
Other Health Services	13.6	13.4	12.9	0.2	0.7
Legal Services	3.2	2.8	2.6	0.4	0.6
Educational Services	3.1	2.8	2.8	0.3	0.3
Social Services	6.6	5.6	4.9	1.0	1.7
Membership Organizations	11.6	11.5	11.2	0.1	0.4
Engineering & Management Services	3.1	3.0	2.5	0.1	0.6
Government	64.0	61.4	61.9	2.6	2.1
Federal	7.0	7.0	6.6	0.0	0.4
Hospitals	1.6	1.6	1.5	0.0	0.1
U S Postal Service	1.3	1.3	1.3	0.0	0.0
Other Federal	4.1	4.1	3.8	0.0	0.3
State	17.6	17.0	17.4	0.6	0.2
Hospitals	1.9	2.1	2.3	-0.2	-0.4
Education	7.8	6.8	6.5	1.0	1.3
Other State	7.8	8.1	8.7	-0.3	-0.9
Local	39.4	37.3	37.8	2.1	1.6
Hospitals	4.1	3.9	3.7	0.2	0.4
Education	27.9	26.9	27.2	1.0	0.7
Other Local	7.4	6.6	7.0	0.8	0.4

West Virginia Labor Force Statistics by County

*(WV Series Labor Force Data --as calculated by the WV Division of Employment Security)**

Annual Average 1990

THESE LABOR FORCE STATISTICS WERE DESIGNED TO BE USED FOR ECONOMIC ANALYSIS

County	Civilian Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Unemployment As Percent of Civilian Labor Force
Barbour	4,370	3,860	510	11.6
Berkeley	27,330	25,910	1,430	5.2
Boone	8,060	7,530	530	6.6
Braxton	5,370	4,900	470	8.8
Brooke	10,250	9,720	530	5.2
Cabell	42,490	40,600	1,890	4.4
Calhoun	2,800	2,430	370	13.2
Clay	3,110	2,770	340	10.8
Doddridge	2,280	2,140	140	6.2
Fayette	15,990	14,740	1,250	7.8
Gilmer	2,840	2,660	180	6.4
Grant	4,490	4,200	290	6.4
Greenbrier	14,860	13,650	1,210	8.1
Hampshire	6,850	6,280	570	8.4
Hancock	13,650	13,020	630	4.6
Hardy	5,690	5,440	250	4.4
Harrison	28,010	26,220	1,780	6.4
Jackson	8,870	8,160	710	8.0
Jefferson	19,270	18,520	760	3.9
Kanawha	96,220	92,070	4,160	4.3
Lewis	6,990	6,450	550	7.8
Lincoln	7,420	6,730	700	9.4
Logan	13,290	12,220	1,080	8.1
McDowell	6,570	5,810	760	11.6
Marion	21,690	20,330	1,360	6.3
Marshall	14,300	13,470	830	5.8
Mason	9,460	8,800	660	6.9
Mercer	25,880	24,380	1,500	5.8
Mineral	10,420	10,010	410	3.9
Mingo	10,820	10,090	730	6.7
Monongalia	37,740	36,750	1,000	2.6
Monroe	5,070	4,810	260	5.1
Morgan	4,900	4,670	230	4.8
Nicholas	8,780	7,890	890	10.1
Ohio	23,730	22,830	900	3.8
Pendleton	3,940	3,790	150	3.7
Pleasants	2,320	2,090	220	9.6
Pocahontas	4,670	4,260	410	8.9
Preston	12,160	11,450	710	5.8
Putnam	16,390	15,440	950	5.8
Raleigh	27,060	25,270	1,790	6.6
Randolph	11,210	10,030	1,180	10.5
Ritchie	5,170	4,700	480	9.2
Roane	4,910	4,310	600	12.2
Summers	4,110	3,770	340	8.2
Taylor	5,560	5,140	430	7.6
Tucker	3,630	3,330	300	8.3
Tyler	4,780	4,480	300	6.3
Upshur	8,390	7,690	700	8.4
Wayne	15,510	14,570	950	6.1
Webster	3,020	2,590	430	14.3
Wetzel	9,390	8,760	630	6.7
Wirt	2,500	2,210	290	11.5
Wood	40,340	38,220	2,120	5.3
Wyoming	7,030	6,360	670	9.5
Statewide	722,000	678,500	43,500	6.0

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West Virginia Labor Force Statistics by County

*(BLS Series Labor Force Data – Using U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics Methodology)**

Annual Average 1990

APPROVED BY THE U. S. BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS TO ALLOCATE FEDERAL FUNDS AND DETERMINE ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

County	Civilian Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Unemployment As Percent of Civilian Labor Force
Barbour	4,780	4,030	750	15.7
Berkeley	29,130	27,030	2,100	7.2
Boone	8,640	7,860	780	9.0
Braxton	5,800	5,110	690	11.9
Brooke	10,930	10,140	790	7.2
Cabell	45,160	42,360	2,800	6.2
Calhoun	3,070	2,530	540	17.5
Clay	3,380	2,890	490	14.5
Doddridge	2,440	2,230	210	8.6
Fayette	17,220	15,380	1,840	10.7
Gilmer	3,040	2,780	260	8.7
Grant	4,800	4,380	420	8.8
Greenbrier	16,010	14,250	1,760	11.0
Hampshire	7,390	6,550	840	11.4
Hancock	14,520	13,590	940	6.4
Hardy	6,050	5,680	370	6.1
Harrison	30,000	27,360	2,640	8.8
Jackson	9,560	8,520	1,040	10.9
Jefferson	20,440	19,320	1,110	5.4
Kanawha	102,180	96,070	6,110	6.0
Lewis	7,540	6,730	810	10.7
Lincoln	8,040	7,020	1,020	12.7
Logan	14,330	12,750	1,580	11.1
McDowell	7,190	6,060	1,130	15.7
Marion	23,210	21,220	1,990	8.6
Marshall	15,260	14,060	1,200	7.9
Mason	10,160	9,180	970	9.6
Mercer	27,650	25,440	2,210	8.0
Mineral	11,060	10,450	610	5.5
Mingo	11,600	10,520	1,070	9.3
Monongalia	39,810	38,340	1,470	3.7
Monroe	5,400	5,020	380	7.1
Morgan	5,220	4,870	350	6.6
Nicholas	9,550	8,230	1,310	13.8
Ohio	25,130	23,820	1,310	5.2
Pendleton	4,180	3,960	220	5.2
Pleasants	2,510	2,180	330	13.1
Pocahontas	5,070	4,450	620	12.3
Preston	13,000	11,940	1,050	8.1
Putnam	17,510	16,120	1,390	7.9
Raleigh	29,010	26,370	2,640	9.1
Randolph	12,200	10,470	1,740	14.2
Ritchie	5,600	4,900	700	12.4
Roane	5,360	4,500	860	16.1
Summers	4,430	3,940	490	11.0
Taylor	5,990	5,360	620	10.4
Tucker	3,920	3,470	450	11.4
Tyler	5,120	4,680	450	8.7
Upshur	9,050	8,020	1,030	11.4
Wayne	16,590	15,200	1,390	8.4
Webster	3,340	2,700	640	19.2
Wetzel	10,060	9,140	910	9.1
Wirt	2,730	2,310	420	15.4
Wood	43,060	39,890	3,170	7.4
Wyoming	7,610	6,630	980	12.9
Statewide	772,000	708,000	64,000	8.3

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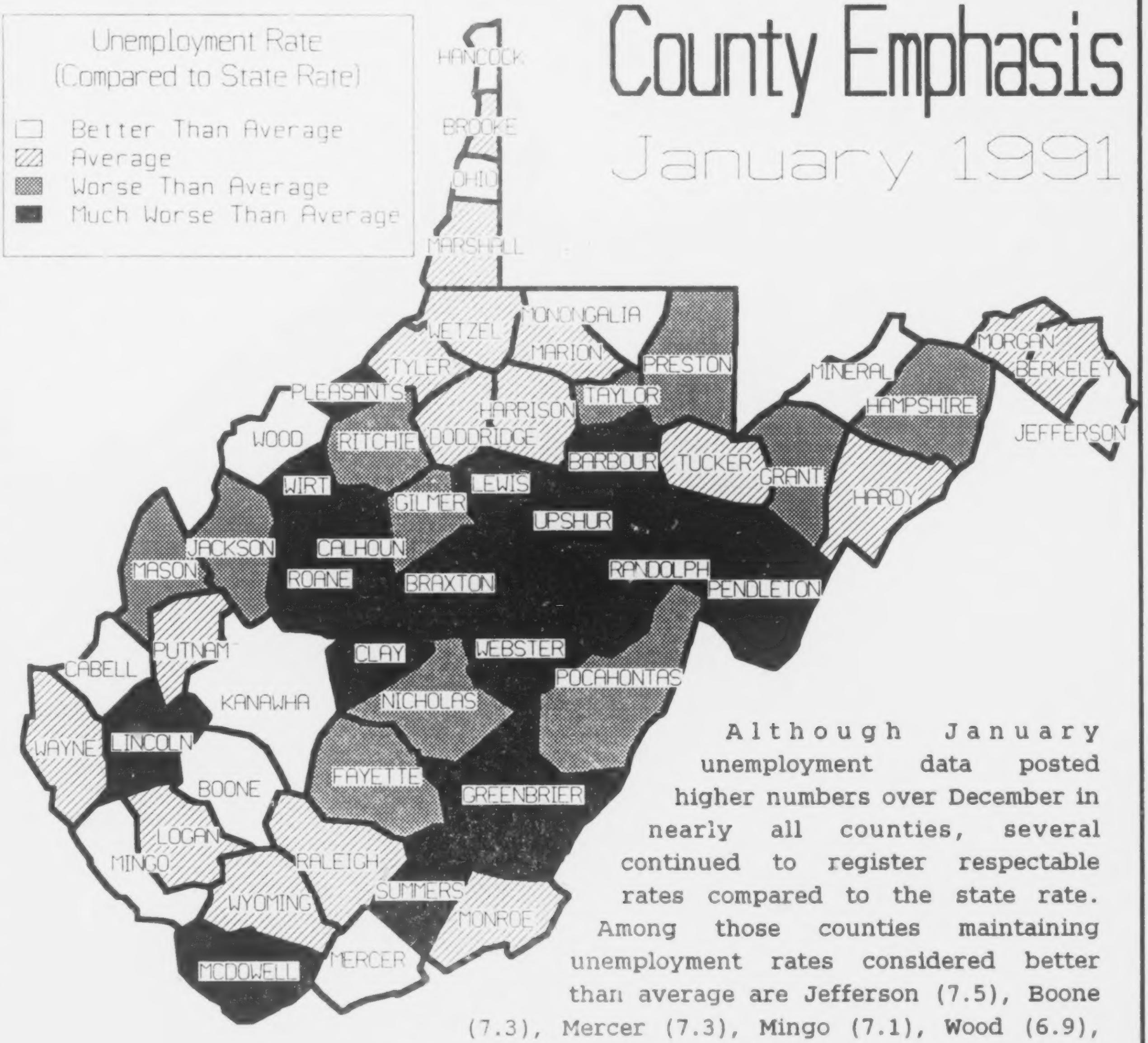
*Calculated according to Current Population Survey adjusted to BLS procedures.

County Emphasis

January 1991


Unemployment Rate
(Compared to State Rate)
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■ Much Worse Than Average
HANCOCK
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MONONGALIA
MARION
PRESTON
TYLER
PLEASANTS
HARRISON
TAYLOR
MINERAL
MORGAN
BERKELEY
HAMPSHIRE
JEFFERSON
WOOD
RITCHIE
DODDRIDGE
BARBOUR
TUCKER
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HARDY
WIRT
LEWIS
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UPSHUR
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BRAXTON
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PUTNAM
CLAY
WEBSTER
CABELL
POCAHONTAS
KANAWHA
NICHOLAS
WAYNE
LINCOLN
BOONE
FAYETTE
GREENBRIER
LOGAN
MINGO
RALEIGH
WYOMING
SUMMERS
MONROE
MCDOWELL
MERCER

Although January unemployment data posted higher numbers over December in nearly all counties, several continued to register respectable rates compared to the state rate. Among those counties maintaining unemployment rates considered better than average are Jefferson (7.5), Boone (7.3), Mercer (7.3), Mingo (7.1), Wood (6.9), Kanawha (6.3), Ohio (6.2), Hancock (6.1), Cabell (5.6), Mineral (5.2), and Monongalia (4.4). Declines in January rates were enjoyed in Webster (-0.6) and Pocahontas (-0.6).

Normal seasonal employment losses in trade, construction, service and government contributed to higher rates in many counties. Counties with rates regarded as much worse than average were Lincoln (13.0), Lewis (13.1), Upshur (13.2), Randolph (13.5), McDowell (13.5), Greenbrier (13.8), Summers (14.0), Braxton (14.3), Webster (14.5), Clay (14.9), Wirt (15.0), Pleasants (15.8), Roane (17.7), Barbour (18.5), Pendleton (20.8), and Calhoun (20.9).

West Virginia Labor Force Statistics by County

*(WV Series Labor Force Data --as calculated by the WV Division of Employment Security)**

January 1991
(Revised December 1990 in parentheses)

THESE LABOR FORCE STATISTICS WERE DESIGNED TO BE USED FOR ECONOMIC ANALYSIS

County	Civilian Labor Force		Employment		Unemployment		Unemployment As Percent of Civilian Labor Force	
Barbour	4,920	(4,860)	4,010	(4,200)	910	(660)	18.5	(13.6)
Berkeley	27,610	(27,580)	25,110	(25,940)	2,490	(1,650)	9.0	(6.0)
Boone	8,170	(7,990)	7,570	(7,530)	600	(450)	7.3	(5.7)
Braxton	5,610	(5,510)	4,810	(4,910)	800	(600)	14.3	(10.9)
Brooke	10,350	(10,390)	9,480	(9,720)	870	(670)	8.4	(6.4)
Cabell	42,700	(43,380)	40,330	(41,160)	2,370	(2,220)	5.6	(5.1)
Calhoun	2,860	(2,750)	2,260	(2,250)	600	(500)	20.9	(18.0)
Clay	3,100	(3,120)	2,640	(2,700)	460	(420)	14.9	(13.4)
Doddridge	2,290	(2,280)	2,110	(2,150)	180	(130)	7.9	(5.8)
Fayette	15,790	(16,260)	13,980	(14,790)	1,820	(1,480)	11.5	(9.1)
Gilmer	2,840	(3,020)	2,530	(2,800)	300	(220)	10.6	(7.1)
Grant	4,720	(4,700)	4,190	(4,360)	530	(340)	11.3	(7.3)
Greenbrier	14,650	(15,050)	12,630	(13,340)	2,020	(1,720)	13.8	(11.4)
Hampshire	6,790	(6,900)	5,930	(6,200)	860	(700)	12.7	(10.2)
Hancock	13,520	(13,780)	12,700	(13,020)	820	(760)	6.1	(5.5)
Hardy	5,640	(5,900)	5,170	(5,480)	460	(410)	8.2	(7.0)
Harrison	28,430	(28,440)	25,840	(26,350)	2,600	(2,090)	9.1	(7.4)
Jackson	9,990	(9,010)	8,940	(8,170)	1,050	(840)	10.5	(9.3)
Jefferson	19,190	(19,400)	17,750	(18,370)	1,440	(1,030)	7.5	(5.3)
Kanawha	96,850	(97,510)	90,780	(92,980)	6,060	(4,530)	6.3	(4.6)
Lewis	7,320	(7,050)	6,360	(6,420)	960	(630)	13.1	(8.9)
Lincoln	7,530	(7,270)	6,550	(6,600)	980	(670)	13.0	(9.3)
Logan	13,370	(13,130)	12,260	(12,290)	1,110	(850)	8.3	(6.4)
McDowell	6,490	(6,390)	5,620	(5,630)	880	(760)	13.5	(11.9)
Marion	21,830	(21,980)	19,710	(20,500)	2,120	(1,480)	9.7	(6.7)
Marshall	14,360	(14,390)	13,150	(13,520)	1,200	(860)	8.4	(6.0)
Mason	9,700	(9,620)	8,570	(8,770)	1,130	(850)	11.6	(8.8)
Mercer	25,890	(26,060)	24,010	(24,490)	1,880	(1,580)	7.3	(6.0)
Mineral	10,350	(10,390)	9,810	(9,960)	540	(430)	5.2	(4.1)
Mingo	10,900	(10,760)	10,130	(10,150)	780	(620)	7.1	(5.8)
Monongalia	38,460	(38,920)	36,760	(37,690)	1,700	(1,230)	4.4	(3.2)
Monroe	4,860	(5,040)	4,450	(4,700)	410	(350)	8.4	(6.8)
Morgan	5,080	(5,000)	4,670	(4,670)	410	(330)	8.0	(6.5)
Nicholas	8,720	(8,900)	7,670	(8,000)	1,050	(900)	12.1	(10.2)
Ohio	23,760	(23,870)	22,280	(22,910)	1,480	(950)	6.2	(4.0)
Pendleton	4,440	(3,800)	3,510	(3,560)	930	(230)	20.8	(6.2)
Pleasants	2,420	(2,350)	2,040	(2,100)	380	(260)	15.8	(11.0)
Pocahontas	5,370	(5,190)	4,810	(4,610)	560	(580)	10.5	(11.1)
Preston	12,760	(12,690)	11,450	(11,740)	1,310	(950)	10.3	(7.5)
Putnam	16,610	(16,490)	15,230	(15,600)	1,380	(890)	8.3	(5.4)
Raleigh	27,330	(27,180)	24,920	(25,260)	2,400	(1,930)	8.8	(7.1)
Randolph	11,490	(11,350)	9,940	(10,030)	1,550	(1,320)	13.5	(11.6)
Ritchie	5,250	(5,130)	4,590	(4,670)	660	(460)	12.6	(9.0)
Roane	4,970	(4,750)	4,090	(4,260)	880	(480)	17.7	(10.2)
Summers	4,170	(4,080)	3,590	(3,660)	580	(430)	14.0	(10.5)
Taylor	5,790	(5,700)	5,060	(5,160)	720	(540)	12.5	(9.4)
Tucker	3,630	(3,530)	3,280	(3,200)	350	(340)	9.7	(9.5)
Tyler	4,840	(4,860)	4,450	(4,520)	390	(340)	8.1	(6.9)
Upshur	8,680	(8,890)	7,530	(8,060)	1,150	(830)	13.2	(9.3)
Wayne	15,820	(15,850)	14,470	(14,770)	1,350	(1,080)	8.5	(6.8)
Webster	2,940	(3,090)	2,510	(2,620)	430	(470)	14.5	(15.1)
Wetzel	9,640	(9,610)	8,700	(8,840)	930	(770)	9.7	(8.0)
Wirt	2,160	(2,130)	1,840	(1,840)	320	(290)	15.0	(13.6)
Wood	40,100	(40,580)	37,350	(38,290)	2,750	(2,300)	6.9	(5.7)
Wyoming	6,880	(6,890)	6,220	(6,250)	660	(640)	9.5	(9.3)
Statewide	729,900	(730,700)	666,300	(681,700)	63,500	(49,000)	8.7	(6.7)

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West Virginia Labor Force Statistics by County

*(BLS Series Labor Force Data -Using U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics Methodology)**

January 1991
(Revised December 1990 in parentheses)

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County	Civilian Labor Force		Employment		Unemployment		Unemployment As Percent of Civilian Labor Force	
Barbour	5,320	(5,330)	4,150	(4,340)	1,170	(1,000)	22.0	(18.7)
Berkeley	29,210	(29,260)	26,000	(26,780)	3,210	(2,480)	11.0	(8.5)
Boone	8,610	(8,460)	7,840	(7,780)	770	(680)	8.9	(8.1)
Braxton	6,010	(5,970)	4,980	(5,070)	1,030	(910)	17.1	(15.2)
Brooke	10,940	(11,040)	9,820	(10,040)	1,120	(1,000)	10.2	(9.1)
Cabell	44,810	(45,850)	41,760	(42,500)	3,060	(3,350)	6.8	(7.3)
Calhoun	3,110	(3,070)	2,340	(2,330)	770	(750)	24.7	(24.3)
Clay	3,330	(3,410)	2,730	(2,790)	600	(630)	17.9	(18.4)
Doddridge	2,420	(2,420)	2,180	(2,220)	230	(200)	9.7	(8.3)
Fayette	16,810	(17,490)	14,470	(15,270)	2,340	(2,230)	13.9	(12.7)
Gilmer	3,010	(3,220)	2,620	(2,890)	390	(320)	12.9	(10.1)
Grant	5,020	(5,010)	4,330	(4,500)	680	(510)	13.6	(10.3)
Greenbrier	15,680	(16,360)	13,080	(13,770)	2,610	(2,590)	16.6	(15.8)
Hampshire	7,240	(7,460)	6,140	(6,400)	1,110	(1,060)	15.3	(14.2)
Hancock	14,210	(14,590)	13,150	(13,450)	1,060	(1,140)	7.4	(7.8)
Hardy	5,950	(6,290)	5,360	(5,660)	600	(620)	10.0	(9.9)
Harrison	30,090	(30,360)	26,750	(27,210)	3,340	(3,150)	11.1	(10.4)
Jackson	10,610	(9,700)	9,250	(8,440)	1,350	(1,260)	12.7	(13.0)
Jefferson	20,230	(20,520)	18,380	(18,970)	1,850	(1,550)	9.2	(7.5)
Kanawha	101,810	(102,840)	94,000	(96,020)	7,810	(6,820)	7.7	(6.6)
Lewis	7,820	(7,570)	6,590	(6,630)	1,230	(940)	15.7	(12.5)
Lincoln	8,040	(7,830)	6,780	(6,810)	1,260	(1,010)	15.6	(13.0)
Logan	14,130	(13,960)	12,690	(12,690)	1,430	(1,270)	10.1	(9.1)
McDowell	6,940	(6,960)	5,810	(5,810)	1,130	(1,140)	16.3	(16.4)
Marion	23,140	(23,390)	20,410	(21,170)	2,730	(2,230)	11.8	(9.5)
Marshall	15,170	(15,260)	13,620	(13,960)	1,550	(1,300)	10.2	(8.5)
Mason	10,330	(10,340)	8,890	(9,060)	1,460	(1,280)	14.1	(12.4)
Mercer	27,280	(27,660)	24,860	(25,290)	2,420	(2,370)	8.9	(8.6)
Mineral	10,860	(10,930)	10,160	(10,290)	700	(640)	6.4	(5.9)
Mingo	11,480	(11,410)	10,490	(10,480)	1,000	(930)	8.7	(8.2)
Monongalia	40,250	(40,780)	38,060	(38,920)	2,190	(1,860)	5.4	(4.6)
Monroe	5,130	(5,370)	4,610	(4,850)	520	(520)	10.2	(9.7)
Morgan	5,360	(5,310)	4,830	(4,820)	520	(490)	9.8	(9.2)
Nicholas	9,300	(9,620)	7,940	(8,260)	1,360	(1,360)	14.6	(14.1)
Ohio	24,970	(25,100)	23,070	(23,660)	1,900	(1,440)	7.6	(5.7)
Pendleton	4,830	(4,030)	3,640	(3,680)	1,190	(350)	24.7	(8.7)
Pleasants	2,600	(2,550)	2,110	(2,160)	490	(390)	18.9	(15.3)
Pocahontas	5,700	(5,630)	4,980	(4,760)	730	(870)	12.7	(15.4)
Preston	13,550	(13,560)	11,860	(12,130)	1,690	(1,430)	12.5	(10.6)
Putnam	17,550	(17,450)	15,770	(16,110)	1,780	(1,340)	10.2	(7.7)
Raleigh	28,900	(28,980)	25,810	(26,080)	3,090	(2,900)	10.7	(10.0)
Randolph	12,290	(12,340)	10,290	(10,360)	2,000	(1,990)	16.3	(16.1)
Ritchie	5,610	(5,510)	4,760	(4,820)	850	(700)	15.2	(12.6)
Roane	5,370	(5,130)	4,240	(4,400)	1,130	(730)	21.1	(14.2)
Summers	4,470	(4,420)	3,720	(3,770)	750	(640)	16.8	(14.6)
Taylor	6,180	(6,140)	5,240	(5,330)	930	(810)	15.1	(13.2)
Tucker	3,850	(3,810)	3,390	(3,300)	460	(510)	11.8	(13.3)
Tyler	5,110	(5,180)	4,610	(4,670)	500	(510)	9.8	(9.8)
Upshur	9,280	(9,570)	7,800	(8,330)	1,480	(1,240)	16.0	(13.0)
Wayne	16,720	(16,880)	14,980	(15,250)	1,740	(1,630)	10.4	(9.6)
Webster	3,150	(3,410)	2,600	(2,710)	550	(700)	17.4	(20.6)
Wetzel	10,210	(10,290)	9,010	(9,130)	1,200	(1,150)	11.8	(11.2)
Wirt	2,320	(2,330)	1,900	(1,900)	420	(440)	17.9	(18.7)
Wood	42,220	(43,000)	38,680	(39,540)	3,540	(3,460)	8.4	(8.0)
Wyoming	7,280	(7,420)	6,440	(6,450)	840	(970)	11.6	(13.0)
Statewide	771,800	(777,700)	690,000	(704,000)	81,900	(73,800)	10.6	(9.5)

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*Calculated according to Current Population Survey adjusted to BLS procedures.

West Virginia Labor Force Statistics by Local Area

WV Series Labor Force Data
(In Thousands – Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Jan.'91	Revised Dec.'90	Revised Jan.'90
Charleston MSA			
Labor Force	113.5	114.0	110.6
Employment	106.0	108.6	104.3
Unemployment	7.4	5.4	6.3
Rate (%)	6.6	4.8	5.7
Huntington - Ashland - Ironton MSA			
Labor Force	127.1	128.5	123.7
Employment	118.9	121.7	116.7
Unemployment	8.2	6.8	7.0
Rate (%)	6.4	5.3	5.7
Parkersburg - Marietta MSA			
Labor Force	68.4	69.3	67.7
Employment	64.1	65.8	64.2
Unemployment	4.3	3.5	3.4
Rate (%)	6.3	5.0	5.1
Wheeling - Bridgeport MSA			
Labor Force	67.9	68.5	66.9
Employment	63.6	65.5	63.4
Unemployment	4.4	3.1	3.5
Rate (%)	6.4	4.5	5.2
Clarksburg LMA			
Labor Force	36.5	36.4	35.5
Employment	33.0	33.7	32.7
Unemployment	3.5	2.8	2.8
Rate (%)	9.6	7.6	7.9
Gauley LMA			
Labor Force	11.7	12.0	11.4
Employment	10.2	10.6	10.0
Unemployment	1.5	1.4	1.5
Rate (%)	12.7	11.4	12.9
Morgantown - Kingwood LMA			
Labor Force	51.2	51.6	48.0
Employment	48.2	49.4	46.0
Unemployment	3.0	2.2	2.0
Rate (%)	5.9	4.2	4.1
New Martinsville LMA			
Labor Force	14.5	14.5	14.0
Employment	13.2	13.4	12.8
Unemployment	1.3	1.1	1.1
Rate (%)	9.1	7.6	8.1
Ronceverte - White Sulphur Springs LMA			
Labor Force	19.5	20.1	19.5
Employment	17.1	18.0	17.3
Unemployment	2.4	2.1	2.2
Rate (%)	12.5	10.3	11.2

BLS Series Labor Force Data
(In Thousands – Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Jan.'91	Revised Dec.'90	Revised Jan.'90
Charleston MSA			
Labor Force	119.4	120.3	118.8
Employment	109.8	112.1	110.6
Unemployment	9.6	8.2	8.3
Rate (%)	8.0	6.8	7.0
Huntington - Ashland - Ironton MSA			
Labor Force	131.5	133.3	132.1
Employment	119.8	124.0	121.4
Unemployment	11.7	9.3	10.7
Rate (%)	8.9	7.0	8.1
Parkersburg - Marietta MSA			
Labor Force	71.8	73.0	72.7
Employment	65.8	67.8	67.3
Unemployment	6.0	5.2	5.4
Rate (%)	8.4	7.1	7.4
Wheeling - Bridgeport MSA			
Labor Force	71.4	71.9	72.1
Employment	65.2	67.4	66.4
Unemployment	6.1	4.5	5.7
Rate (%)	8.6	6.2	7.9
Clarksburg LMA			
Labor Force	38.7	38.9	38.4
Employment	34.2	34.8	34.7
Unemployment	4.5	4.2	3.7
Rate (%)	11.7	10.7	9.7
Gauley LMA			
Labor Force	12.4	13.0	12.5
Employment	10.5	11.0	10.6
Unemployment	1.9	2.1	1.9
Rate (%)	15.3	15.8	15.5
Morgantown - Kingwood LMA			
Labor Force	53.8	54.3	51.4
Employment	49.9	51.0	48.8
Unemployment	3.9	3.3	2.6
Rate (%)	7.2	6.1	5.0
New Martinsville LMA			
Labor Force	15.3	15.5	15.1
Employment	13.6	13.8	13.6
Unemployment	1.7	1.7	1.5
Rate (%)	11.1	10.7	9.9
Ronceverte - White Sulphur Springs LMA			
Labor Force	20.8	21.7	21.2
Employment	17.7	18.6	18.3
Unemployment	3.1	3.1	2.9
Rate (%)	15.0	14.3	13.5

Charleston Metropolitan Statistical Area

(Counties of Kanawha and Putnam, West Virginia)

HIGHLIGHTS

EMPLOYMENT: Total nonfarm payroll employment declined (-3,200) during January 1991 in the Charleston MSA. The local goods-producing sector fell by 1,100, due primarily to a seasonal decline in construction (-1,000). The service-producing sector fell by 2,100, with retail trade declining seasonally by 1,200. The year-ago January 1990 comparison reveals an increase of 2,300 jobs. The goods-producing sector remained unchanged (on-going labor-management dispute in chemicals), while service-producing industries increased by 2,300. This rise resulted from gains made in total service (+1,700), retail trade (+400), and transportation, communications and public utilities (+300).

UNEMPLOYMENT: Total unemployment advanced sharply (+2,000) during January 1991, with the area unemployment rate showing a corresponding increase, to 6.6 percent of the MSA civilian labor force. Total unemployment for January 1991 also increased significantly (+1,100) from a year-ago, with the unemployment rate up from 5.7 percent.

WV Series Labor Force Data
(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Jan.'91	Revised Dec.'90	Revised Jan.'90
Labor Force	113.5	114.0	110.6
Employment	106.0	108.6	104.3
Unemployment	7.4	5.4	6.3
Rate (%)	6.6	4.8	5.7

BLS Series Labor Force Data
(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Jan.'91	Revised Dec.'90	Revised Jan.'90
Labor Force	119.4	120.3	118.8
Employment	109.8	112.1	110.6
Unemployment	9.6	8.2	8.3
Rate (%)	8.0	6.8	7.0

NONFARM PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

	Prelim. Jan.'91	Revised Dec.'90	Revised Jan.'90	Change From: Dec. 1990	Jan. 1990
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	110.5	113.7	108.2	-3.2	2.3
PRIVATE SECTOR	90.8	93.8	88.4	-3.0	2.4
GOODS PRODUCING	16.7	17.8	16.7	-1.1	0.0
Mining	2.1	2.1	2.1	0.0	0.0
Construction	4.1	5.1	3.8	-1.0	0.3
Manufacturing	10.5	10.6	10.8	-0.1	-0.3
Durable Goods	1.8	1.8	1.7	0.0	0.1
Nondurable Goods	8.7	8.8	9.1	-0.1	-0.4
Chemical & Allied Products	7.3	7.4	7.8	-0.1	-0.5
Other Nondurable Goods	1.4	1.4	1.3	0.0	0.1
SERVICE PRODUCING	93.8	95.9	91.5	-2.1	2.3
Transportation & Public Utilities	9.1	9.2	8.8	-0.1	0.3
Trade	29.0	30.3	28.6	-1.3	0.4
Wholesale Trade	7.1	7.2	7.1	-0.1	0.0
Retail Trade	21.9	23.1	21.5	-1.2	0.4
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	6.5	6.6	6.5	-0.1	0.0
Services	29.5	29.9	27.8	-0.4	1.7
Health Services	10.6	10.7	10.3	-0.1	0.3
Government	19.7	19.9	19.8	-0.2	-0.1
Federal	1.7	1.7	1.8	0.0	-0.1
State	9.4	9.5	9.5	-0.1	-0.1
Local	8.6	8.7	8.5	-0.1	0.1
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.3	0.4	0.0	xx	xx

Average Hours and Earnings of Production Workers in Manufacturing

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Prelim. Jan.'91	Revised Dec.'90	Revised Jan.'90	Prelim. Jan.'91	Revised Dec.'90	Revised Jan.'90	Prelim. Jan.'91	Revised Dec.'90	Revised Jan.'90
Manufacturing	$567.09	$579.21	$591.40	42.1	44.9	44.2	$13.47	$12.90	$13.38
Nondurable Goods	612.45	606.60	631.61	43.1	45.1	44.7	14.21	13.45	14.13
Chemical & Allied Products	691.53	688.36	706.40	44.5	46.7	45.9	15.54	14.74	15.39

Huntington-Ashland-Ironton Metropolitan Statistical Area

(Counties of Cabell and Wayne, West Virginia; Boyd, Carter and Greenup, Kentucky; Lawrence, Ohio)

HIGHLIGHTS

EMPLOYMENT: Labor market conditions deteriorated somewhat during January 1991 in the Huntington-Ashland-Ironton MSA. However, the decline was generally due to seasonal factors. Total nonfarm payroll employment fell by 2,600 during the month, primarily due to declines in retail trade (-1,300) and state government (-500) jobs. The goods-producing sector fell slightly by 300. Comparison with year-ago January 1990 nonfarm payroll employment, reveals an increase of 2,300. Much of this gain resulted from advances made in services (+1,200) and transportation, communications and public utilities (+700) industries. The goods-producing sector increased by 300 over the year.

UNEMPLOYMENT: Total unemployment rose by 1,400 during January, with the MSA unemployment rate showing a corresponding increase to 6.4 percent of the civilian labor force. Year-ago comparisons indicate total unemployment increasing by 1,200, with the MSA unemployment rate up from 5.7 percent.

WV Series Labor Force Data
(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Jan.'91	Revised Dec.'90	Revised Jan.'90
Labor Force	127.1	128.5	123.7
Employment	118.9	121.7	116.7
Unemployment	8.2	6.8	7.0
Rate (%)	6.4	5.3	5.7

BLS Series Labor Force Data
(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Jan.'91	Revised Dec.'90	Revised Jan.'90
Labor Force	131.5	133.3	132.1
Employment	119.8	124.0	121.4
Unemployment	11.7	9.3	10.7
Rate (%)	8.9	7.0	8.1

NONFARM PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

	Prelim. Jan.'91	Revised Dec.'90	Revised Jan.'90	Change From: Dec. 1990	Change From: Jan. 1990
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	110.5	113.1	108.2	-2.6	2.3
PRIVATE SECTOR	91.6	93.6	89.0	-2.0	2.6
GOODS PRODUCING	26.5	26.8	26.2	-0.3	0.3
Mining	1.5	1.5	1.4	0.0	0.1
Construction	4.5	4.8	4.9	-0.3	-0.4
Manufacturing	20.5	20.5	19.9	0.0	0.6
Durable Goods	12.3	12.3	12.1	0.0	0.2
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	1.6	1.6	1.5	0.0	0.1
Primary & Fabricated Metal Products	7.8	7.8	7.8	0.0	0.0
Other Durable Goods	2.9	2.9	2.8	0.0	0.1
Nondurable Goods	8.2	8.2	7.8	0.0	0.4
Apparel & Other Textile Products	1.5	1.5	1.6	0.0	-0.1
Chemicals & Petroleum	4.3	4.4	4.0	-0.1	0.3
Other Nondurable Goods	2.4	2.3	2.2	0.1	0.2
SERVICE PRODUCING	84.0	86.3	82.0	-2.3	2.0
Transportation & Public Utilities	8.0	8.1	7.3	-0.1	0.7
Trade	28.1	29.5	27.8	-1.4	0.3
Wholesale Trade	5.6	5.7	5.5	-0.1	0.1
Retail Trade	22.5	23.8	22.3	-1.3	0.2
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	3.8	3.8	3.7	0.0	0.1
Services	25.2	25.4	24.0	-0.2	1.2
Health Services	10.6	10.7	10.2	-0.1	0.4
Government	18.9	19.5	19.2	-0.6	-0.3
Federal	2.8	2.8	2.8	0.0	0.0
State	4.6	5.1	4.7	-0.5	-0.1
Local	11.5	11.6	11.7	-0.1	-0.2
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.1	0.0	xx	xx

Average Hours and Earnings of Production Workers in Manufacturing

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Prelim. Jan.'91	Revised Dec.'90	Revised Jan.'90	Prelim. Jan.'91	Revised Dec.'90	Revised Jan.'90	Prelim. Jan.'91	Revised Dec.'90	Revised Jan.'90
Manufacturing	$529.95	$531.33	$532.76	40.3	39.8	40.7	$13.15	$13.35	$13.09
Durable Goods	572.42	556.37	581.70	41.3	40.2	42.0	13.86	13.64	13.85
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	549.48	561.66	526.61	43.3	44.4	41.4	12.69	12.65	12.72
Primary & Fabricated Metal Products	620.74	566.96	635.11	41.0	37.3	42.2	15.14	15.20	15.05
Nondurable Goods	465.24	493.61	453.96	38.9	39.3	38.6	11.96	12.56	11.76

Parkersburg-Marietta Metropolitan Statistical Area

(Counties of Wood, West Virginia; Washington, Ohio)

HIGHLIGHTS

EMPLOYMENT: Total nonfarm payroll employment in the Parkersburg-Marietta MSA declined sharply (-1,700) in January 1991. Goods-producing employment lost 700 jobs with construction (-600) absorbing the major share. Manufacturing (-100) posted a mild loss. In similar fashion, 1,000 service-producing jobs disappeared in January. Declines were observed in trade (-500), services (-300), and government (-200). Compared to January 1990, nonfarm payroll employment gained 100 jobs. A drop (-300) in the goods-producing sector was offset by an advance (+400) among service-producing businesses.

UNEMPLOYMENT: The number of unemployed in the Parkersburg-Marietta MSA in January 1991 grew by 800. The unemployment rate increased from 5.0 to 6.3 percent of the civilian labor force. Compared to January 1990, the unemployment rate increased from 5.1 to 6.3 percent.

WV Series Labor Force Data
(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Jan.'91	Revised Dec.'90	Revised Jan.'90
Labor Force	68.4	69.3	67.7
Employment	64.1	65.8	64.2
Unemployment	4.3	3.5	3.4
Rate (%)	6.3	5.0	5.1

BLS Series Labor Force Data
(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Jan.'91	Revised Dec.'90	Revised Jan.'90
Labor Force	71.8	73.0	72.7
Employment	65.8	67.8	67.3
Unemployment	6.0	5.2	5.4
Rate (%)	8.4	7.1	7.4

NONFARM PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

	Prelim. Jan.'91	Revised Dec.'90	Revised Jan.'90	Change From: Dec. 1990	Jan. 1990
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	60.4	62.1	60.3	-1.7	0.1
PRIVATE SECTOR	50.9	52.4	50.8	-1.5	0.1
GOODS PRODUCING	17.1	17.8	17.4	-0.7	-0.3
Mining	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.0	0.0
Construction	2.3	2.9	2.3	-0.6	0.0
Manufacturing	14.3	14.4	14.6	-0.1	-0.3
Durable Goods	7.0	7.1	7.1	-0.1	-0.1
Lumber, Wood Products & Furniture	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	1.7	1.7	1.7	0.0	0.0
Primary & Fabricated Metal Products	3.0	3.1	2.9	-0.1	0.1
Other Durable Goods	1.3	1.3	1.5	0.0	-0.2
Nondurable Goods	7.3	7.3	7.5	0.0	-0.2
Chemical & Allied Products	5.5	5.5	5.7	0.0	-0.2
Other Nondurable Goods	1.8	1.8	1.8	0.0	0.0
SERVICE PRODUCING	43.3	44.3	42.9	-1.0	0.4
Transportation & Public Utilities	2.4	2.4	2.4	0.0	0.0
Trade	14.9	15.4	14.6	-0.5	0.3
Wholesale Trade	2.8	2.8	2.8	0.0	0.0
Retail Trade	12.1	12.6	11.8	-0.5	0.3
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	2.2	2.2	2.2	0.0	0.0
Services	14.3	14.6	14.2	-0.3	0.1
Health Services	4.5	4.5	4.4	0.0	0.1
Government	9.5	9.7	9.5	-0.2	0.0
Federal	1.7	1.7	1.7	0.0	0.0
State	1.0	1.2	1.1	-0.2	-0.1
Local	6.8	6.8	6.7	0.0	0.1
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.0	xx	xx

Average Hours and Earnings of Production Workers in Manufacturing

	Average Weekly Earnings Prelim. Jan.'91	Revised Dec.'90	Revised Jan.'90	Average Weekly Hours Prelim. Jan.'91	Revised Dec.'90	Revised Jan.'90	Average Hourly Earnings Prelim. Jan.'91	Revised Dec.'90	Revised Jan.'90
Manufacturing	$572.46	$585.30	$549.41	42.0	42.8	42.1	$13.63	$13.68	$13.05
Durable Goods	489.20	501.02	481.64	40.0	40.8	39.9	12.23	12.28	11.57
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	538.46	549.79	547.28	43.6	45.4	44.1	12.35	12.11	12.41
Primary & Fabricated Metal Products	510.90	507.28	472.82	38.5	37.3	38.1	13.27	13.60	12.41
Nondurable Goods	672.84	688.56	652.29	44.5	45.3	44.8	15.12	15.20	14.56

Wheeling-Bridgeport Metropolitan Statistical Area

(Counties of Marshall and Ohio, West Virginia; Belmont, Ohio)

HIGHLIGHTS

EMPLOYMENT: Total nonfarm payroll employment dropped 1,500 during January 1991 in the Wheeling-Bridgeport MSA. The goods-producing sector fell slightly (-300) due to the seasonal decline in construction. The service-producing sector decreased significantly (-1,200), due primarily to seasonal cutbacks following the Christmas shopping season in retail trade (-800). Transportation and public utilities declined by 100 and services declined by 200. Comparison with year-ago January 1990 data reveals an increase of 400 jobs in the private sector. The mining industry gained 100 jobs as did nondurable goods manufacturing. The service-producing sector gained approximately 200 jobs, primarily in retail trade (+100), and finance, insurance and real estate (+100).

UNEMPLOYMENT: Total unemployment increased seasonally by 1,300 during January 1991. The MSA unemployment rate showed a corresponding increase to 6.4 percent of the civilian labor force. Comparison with January 1990 reveals unemployment increased by 900, with the unemployment rate increasing from 5.2 to 6.4 percent.

WV Series Labor Force Data
(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Jan.'91	Revised Dec.'90	Revised Jan.'90
Labor Force	67.9	68.5	66.9
Employment	63.6	65.5	63.4
Unemployment	4.4	3.1	3.5
Rate (%)	6.4	4.5	5.2

BLS Series Labor Force Data
(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Jan.'91	Revised Dec.'90	Revised Jan.'90
Labor Force	71.4	71.9	72.1
Employment	65.2	67.4	66.4
Unemployment	6.1	4.5	5.7
Rate (%)	8.6	6.2	7.9

NONFARM PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

	Prelim. Jan.'91	Revised Dec.'90	Revised Jan.'90	Change From: Dec. 1990	Change From: Jan. 1990
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	59.1	60.6	58.8	-1.5	0.3
PRIVATE SECTOR	50.1	51.5	49.7	-1.4	0.4
GOODS PRODUCING	11.1	11.4	11.0	-0.3	0.1
Mining	2.3	2.3	2.2	0.0	0.1
Construction	1.6	1.9	1.6	-0.3	0.0
Manufacturing	7.2	7.2	7.2	0.0	0.0
Durable Goods	2.8	2.8	2.9	0.0	-0.1
Nondurable Goods	4.4	4.4	4.3	0.0	0.1
SERVICE PRODUCING	48.0	49.2	47.8	-1.2	0.2
Transportation & Public Utilities	3.2	3.3	3.2	-0.1	0.0
Trade	15.9	16.7	15.8	-0.8	0.1
Wholesale Trade	2.8	2.8	2.8	0.0	0.0
Retail Trade	13.1	13.9	13.0	-0.8	0.1
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	3.0	3.0	2.9	0.0	0.1
Services	16.9	17.1	16.8	-0.2	0.1
Health Services	7.6	7.6	7.6	0.0	0.0
Government	9.0	9.1	9.1	-0.1	-0.1
Federal	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.0	0.0
State	1.7	1.8	1.7	-0.1	0.0
Local	6.6	6.6	6.7	0.0	-0.1
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.0	xx	xx

Average Hours and Earnings of Production Workers in Manufacturing

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Prelim. Jan.'91	Revised Dec.'90	Revised Jan.'90	Prelim. Jan.'91	Revised Dec.'90	Revised Jan.'90	Prelim. Jan.'91	Revised Dec.'90	Revised Jan.'90
Manufacturing	$514.17	$570.68	$549.38	39.4	41.9	41.4	$13.05	$13.62	$13.27
Nondurable Goods	592.66	644.11	576.72	41.1	43.2	40.5	14.42	14.91	14.24
Durable Goods	415.90	480.38	516.80	37.3	40.3	42.5	11.15	11.92	12.16

Applicants and Nonfarm Job Openings in West Virginia Job Service Offices

Occupational Category	Applicants Available Program Year to Date 2/	Active File	NONFARM JOB OPENINGS Received Program Year to Date 2/	UNFILLED Total	UNFILLED 30 Days or More	FILLED Total	Applicant/ Openings Program Year to Date	Active File/ Unfilled Openings End of Month
TOTAL 3/	128,216	51,972	25,111	2,144	1,304	18,879	5.1	24.2
Professional, Technical & Managerial	12,171	5,349	727	178	96	238	16.7	30.1
Clerical & Sales	36,291	13,396	5,243	735	418	3,335	6.9	18.2
Services	16,323	5,943	3,989	324	186	2,583	4.1	18.3
Agricultural, Fishery & Forestry	932	370	74	3	0	43	12.6	123.3
Processing	7,656	3,183	480	115	84	329	16.0	27.7
Machine Trades	8,149	3,770	661	91	62	295	12.3	41.4
Benchwork	5,724	2,451	923	104	76	721	6.2	23.6
Structural Work	19,731	9,647	1,534	249	146	867	12.9	38.7
Miscellaneous	25,415	8,924	11,480	345	236	10,468	2.2	25.9
Transportation	5,495	2,664	625	57	32	337	8.8	46.7
Packaging & Materials Handling	17,259	4,846	10,683	243	175	10,035	1.6	19.9
Other 4/	2,661	1,414	172	45	29	96	15.5	31.4
Entry Total 5/	92	9	0	0	0	0	xx	xx

1/ Source of Data: SAMS (State Employment Security Automated Management System); Table A96 containing fully registered applicants.

2/ Period Covered: July 1, 1990 through January 31, 1991. Program Year 1990 defined as July 1, 1990 through June 30, 1991.

3/ Total excludes invalid occupational data.

4/ Includes mining, logging, utilities, miscellaneous amusement and recreation, and graphic art work.

5/ Applicants for whom a complete occupational code cannot be assigned because of lack of training/experience.

Select Unemployment Compensation Claims Activities

State UI Program Activity	January 1991	December 1990	January 1990	Percent Change to January 1991 from: Dec. 1990	Percent Change to January 1991 from: Jan. 1990
Total Initial Claims 1/	18,148	9,397	14,375	93.1	26.2
Total Continued Weeks	132,744	77,785	105,972	70.7	25.3
Total Benefits Paid	$15,772,266	$10,171,215	$11,906,543	55.1	32.5
Total Weeks Compensated	105,945	66,362	84,363	59.6	25.6
Average Weekly Payment	$148.87	$153.27	$141.13	-2.9	5.5
Monthly Insured Unemployment Rate 2/	4.7	3.6	3.6	xx	xx
UC Fund Balance, End of Month	$136,482,309	$147,706,528	$133,826,657	-7.6	2.0

1/ Excluding transitional claims.

2/ Seasonally unadjusted.

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Huntington	914 Fifth Avenue	528-5525
Logan	195 Dingess Street	792-7010
Martinsburg	617 W King Street	267-0030
Morgantown	304 Scott Avenue	285-3120
New Martinsville	249 Clark Street	455-2280
Parkersburg	36th St at Murdoch Av	420-4525
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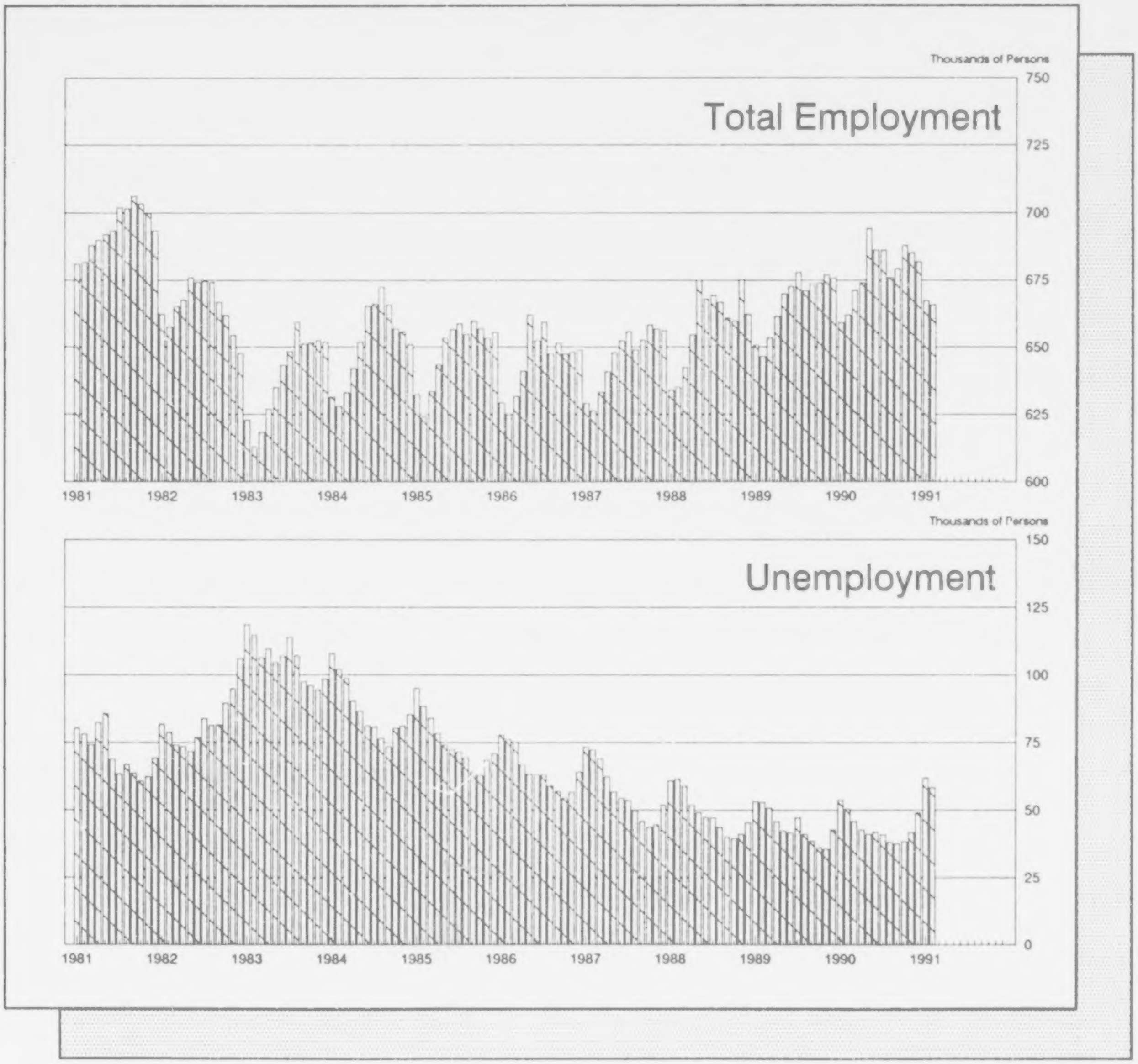

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West Virginia Economic Indicators

	Feb. 1991	Jan. 1991	Feb. 1990
Average Weekly Hours in Manufacturing			
Unadjusted	40.7	40.7	40.4
Seasonally Adjusted	40.0	40.8	39.7
Total Production Worker Hours in Manufacturing (000), Weekly, Unadjusted	2,575	2,602	2,673
Average Weekly Earnings in Manufacturing, Unadjusted	$470.09	$474.97	$457.33
Average Weekly Hours in Bituminous Coal Mining, Unadjusted	44.8	46.0	45.6
Average Weekly Earnings in Bituminous Coal Mining, Unadjusted	$820.29	$853.30	$827.64
Coal Production (000 Tons)			
Unadjusted	12,527	13,257	13,109
Seasonally Adjusted	13,659	13,304	14,294
Commercial and Industrial Electric Power Sales (000,000 KWH)			
Unadjusted	1,159	1,212	1,162
Seasonally Adjusted	1,078	1,123	1,080
New Motor Vehicle Registrations, Unadjusted	3,802	5,127	5,689
Interstate Initial Claims			
Unadjusted	1,334	2,041	867
Seasonally Adjusted	1,240	1,290	806
Average Weekly Initial Claims			
Unadjusted	2,327	3,945	1,712
Seasonally Adjusted	2,042	1,955	1,502
Insured Unemployment Rate			
Unadjusted	5.6	4.7	4.0
Seasonally Adjusted	3.8	3.4	2.8
Total Unemployment Rate, Seasonally Adjusted (WV Series)	6.7	7.1	5.9

NOTE: Data for prior month and year may be revised from previously published figures.

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	Feb. 1991	Jan. 1991	Feb. 1990
Civilian Unemployment Rate			
Unadjusted	7.2	7.0	5.8
Seasonally Adjusted	6.5	6.2	5.3
Consumer Price Index, All Urban Consumers			
Unadjusted			
1982-84 Base	134.8	134.6	128.0
1967 Base	403.8	403.1	383.3
Producer Price Index, Finished Goods Unadjusted, 1982 Base	121.2	121.9	117.4
Initial Claims for Unemployment Insurance (000) Week including 12th, Unadjusted	497.9	863.1	363.5
Insured Unemployment Rate, Week including 12th			
Unadjusted	3.8	3.7	2.8
Seasonally Adjusted	3.1	3.0	2.3

Trends in the West Virginia Labor Market

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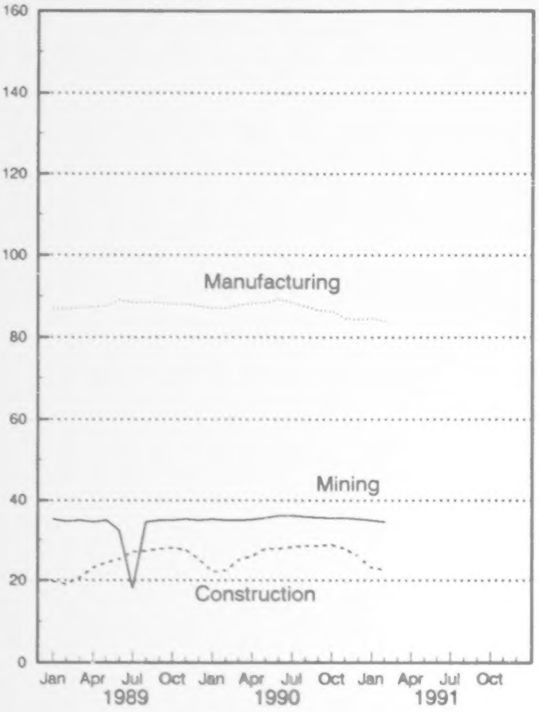

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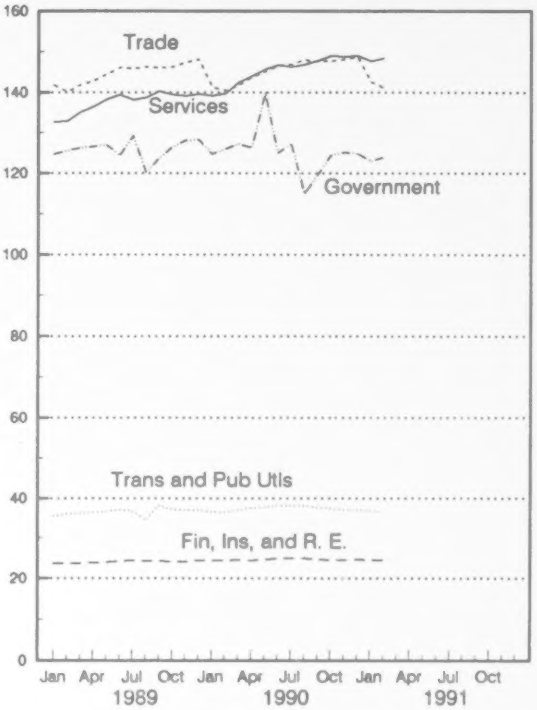

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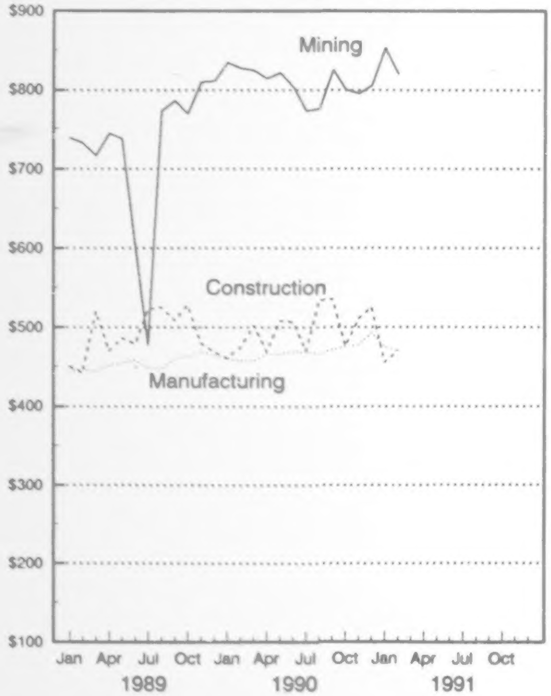

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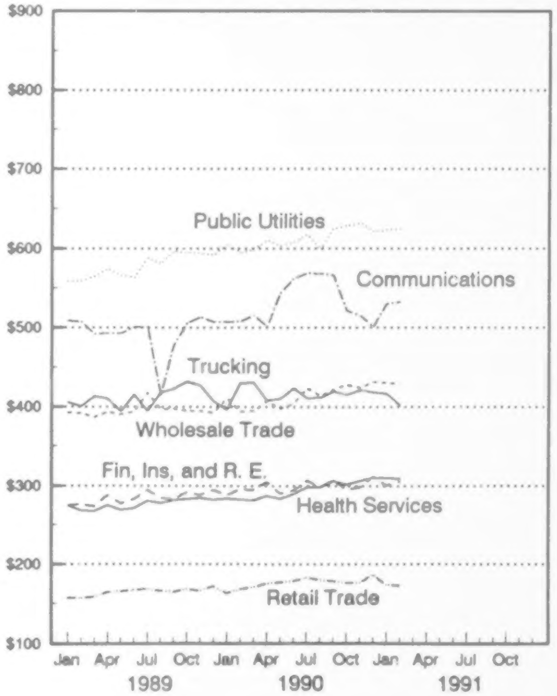


Total Employment, Unemployment, and Civilian Labor Force In West Virginia

WV Series Labor Force Data (In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)	Prelim. Feb.'91	Revised Jan.'91	Revised Feb.'90	Change From: Jan. 1991	Change From: Feb. 1990
Civilian Labor Force	724.0	729.1	712.4	-5.1	11.6
Total Employment	665.6	667.2	662.0	-1.6	3.6
Total Unemployment	58.4	61.9	50.4	-3.5	8.0
Unemployment Rate	8.1	8.5	7.1	xx	xx
BLS Series Labor Force Data (In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)					
Civilian Labor Force	770.3	772.2	761.9	-1.9	8.4
Total Employment	689.7	690.3	696.7	-0.6	-7.0
Total Unemployment	80.6	81.9	65.2	-1.3	15.4
Unemployment Rate	10.5	10.6	8.6	xx	xx

EMPLOYMENT: Total employment in West Virginia decreased 1,600 during the month to an estimated 665,600 in mid-February. Employment often dips a little between January and February. By contrast, there were 3,600 more people with jobs than in February of last year, although this year-over-year growth appears slower than in recent months because of the unusually early spring upturn last February.

Employment on nonfarm payrolls throughout the State moved down 1,500 to 616,200 in February. Losses were scattered in small increments across many economic sectors. Among goods-producing industries, mining lost 500 jobs, construction employment went down 600, and manufacturing experienced an overall reduction of 500 workers. No individual manufacturing sector lost or gained more than 100 except primary metals manufacturing, which declined by 200. Goods-producing companies altogether cut back employment 1,600 over the month.

Total service-producing employment varied little, as the January count of 475,000 marginally increased to 475,100 in February. Trade's sharp decline of 1,400 was due, as was the manufacturing decline, to a collection of widely scattered minor losses. General merchandise stores were particularly weak, as almost every firm shed a few workers. Trade contractions typically occur in February, however. The services sector gain of 600 reflects an ongoing pattern of employment additions by health and social services businesses. Total government went up 1000, as public education increases boosted both State and local government figures. Other sectors remained largely unchanged.

The count of nonfarm payroll jobs this month remains 4,800 ahead of last February. With government down 2,000, private sector jobs number 6,800 more than in the same month a year ago. The additional employees have been added in the service-producing industries, which are up 8,000 over the year, while goods-producing employment has fallen by 3,200 since February of 1990. Labor-management disputes in manufacturing are responsible for a significant portion of this loss.

UNEMPLOYMENT: The number of unemployed state residents improved 3,500 from a downwardly revised mid-January figure of 61,900. February's 58,400 unemployed residents represented an unemployment rate of 8.1 percent for the month, down from a revised 8.5 last month but still well above the 7.1 rate in February of 1990. While unemployment normally reaches its seasonal peak in January and February, the increase since last year reflects an economy weakened by the national recession.

Average Hours and Earnings, West Virginia Production Workers, Select Industries

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Prelim. Feb.'91	Revised Jan.'91	Revised Feb.'90	Prelim. Feb.'91	Revised Jan.'91	Revised Feb.'90	Prelim. Feb.'91	Revised Jan.'91	Revised Feb.'90
Manufacturing	\$470.09	\$474.97	\$457.33	40.7	40.7	40.4	\$11.55	\$11.67	\$11.32
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	430.29	441.54	433.48	38.8	38.8	40.1	11.09	11.38	10.81
Primary Metals Industries	650.51	669.03	606.42	43.6	43.5	43.1	14.92	15.38	14.07
Fabricated Metal Products	426.10	454.82	394.21	39.2	40.5	36.4	10.87	11.23	10.83
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	456.69	431.63	486.80	38.9	37.5	41.5	11.74	11.51	11.73
Electronic & Electrical Equipment	557.28	548.21	511.46	43.1	42.3	42.2	12.93	12.96	12.12
Chemical & Allied Products	687.46	691.24	660.91	43.4	44.0	43.0	15.84	15.71	15.37
Coal Mining	820.29	853.30	827.64	44.8	46.0	45.6	18.31	18.55	18.15
Construction	470.34	455.46	474.30	35.1	34.4	37.2	13.40	13.24	12.75

Statewide Nonfarm Payroll Employment by Industry

(In Thousands — Not Seasonally Adjusted)

February 1991

	Prelim. Feb.'91	Revised Jan.'91	Revised Feb.'90	Change From: Jan. 1991	Feb. 1990
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	616.2	617.7	611.4	-1.5	4.8
PRIVATE SECTOR	492.1	494.6	485.3	-2.5	6.8
GOODS PRODUCING	141.1	142.7	144.3	-1.6	-3.2
Mining	34.5	35.0	34.9	-0.5	-0.4
Coal Mining	29.0	29.4	29.6	-0.4	-0.6
Oil & Gas Extraction	4.5	4.6	4.3	-0.1	0.2
Other Mining	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0
Construction	22.6	23.2	22.4	-0.6	0.2
General Building Contractors	5.9	6.3	5.9	-0.4	0.0
Heavy Construction	5.5	5.5	5.4	0.0	0.1
Special Trade Contractors	11.2	11.4	11.1	-0.2	0.1
Manufacturing	84.0	84.5	87.0	-0.5	-3.0
Durable Goods	47.2	47.6	49.3	-0.4	-2.1
Lumber, Wood Products & Furniture	7.3	7.3	7.4	0.0	-0.1
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	7.7	7.8	7.8	-0.1	-0.1
Primary Metals Industries	13.7	13.9	15.0	-0.2	-1.3
Fabricated Metal Products	5.6	5.6	5.6	0.0	0.0
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	5.7	5.8	6.0	-0.1	-0.3
Electronic & Electrical Equipment	2.3	2.4	2.6	-0.1	-0.3
Transportation Equipment	2.4	2.4	2.4	0.0	0.0
Other Durable Goods	2.5	2.4	2.5	0.1	0.0
Nondurable Goods	36.8	36.9	37.7	-0.1	-0.9
Food & Kindred Products	4.2	4.2	4.1	0.0	0.1
Textile Mill Products	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.0	0.0
Apparel & Other Textile Products	4.2	4.2	4.3	0.0	-0.1
Paper & Allied Products	1.1	1.1	1.0	0.0	0.1
Printing & Publishing	4.8	4.9	5.1	-0.1	-0.3
Chemical & Allied Products	17.2	17.2	17.9	0.0	-0.7
Other Nondurable Goods	4.5	4.5	4.5	0.0	0.0
SERVICE PRODUCING	475.1	475.0	467.1	0.1	8.0
Transportation & Public Utilities	36.8	36.9	36.5	-0.1	0.3
Railroad Transportation	3.8	3.8	3.8	0.0	0.0
Trucking & Warehousing	8.9	9.0	9.1	-0.1	-0.2
Other Transportation	3.6	3.6	3.4	0.0	0.2
Communications	8.2	8.2	8.0	0.0	0.2
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	12.3	12.3	12.2	0.0	0.1
Trade	141.2	142.6	140.4	-1.4	0.8
Wholesale Trade	29.7	29.8	29.3	-0.1	0.4
Retail Trade	111.5	112.8	111.1	-1.3	0.4
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	4.9	4.7	4.5	0.2	0.4
General Merchandise Stores	15.5	16.5	16.7	-1.0	-1.2
Food Stores	22.7	22.8	21.9	-0.1	0.8
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	14.4	14.5	14.4	-0.1	0.0
Apparel & Accessory Stores	5.4	5.7	5.3	-0.3	0.1
Home Furniture & Equipment Stores	4.3	4.2	4.4	0.1	-0.1
Eating & Drinking Places	32.9	33.1	32.6	-0.2	0.3
Miscellaneous Retail	11.4	11.3	11.3	0.1	0.1
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	24.6	24.6	24.4	0.0	0.2
Finance	14.1	14.1	14.0	0.0	0.1
Insurance	6.3	6.3	6.5	0.0	-0.2
Real Estate	4.2	4.2	3.9	0.0	0.3
Services	148.4	147.8	139.7	0.6	8.7
Agricultural Services	1.9	2.0	1.4	-0.1	0.5
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	8.4	8.4	7.9	0.0	0.5
Personal Services	6.5	6.4	6.5	0.1	0.0
Business Services	14.1	14.2	13.1	-0.1	1.0
Automotive & Miscellaneous Repair Services	6.2	6.3	6.0	-0.1	0.2
Amusements, incl Motion Pictures	5.0	4.9	4.7	0.1	0.3
Health Services	57.0	56.7	53.5	0.3	3.5
Nursing & Personal Care Homes	10.6	10.6	9.8	0.0	0.8
Hospitals	28.5	28.3	27.1	0.2	1.4
Other Health Services	17.9	17.8	16.6	0.1	1.3
Legal Services	4.1	4.0	3.8	0.1	0.3
Educational Services	5.5	5.7	5.7	-0.2	-0.2
Social Services	10.7	10.3	8.9	0.4	1.8
Membership Organizations	19.6	19.6	19.4	0.0	0.2
Engineering & Management Services	8.6	8.5	8.1	0.1	0.5
Other Services	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.0	0.1
Government	124.1	123.1	126.1	1.0	-2.0
Federal	15.3	15.3	16.2	0.0	-0.9
Hospitals	3.0	3.0	2.9	0.0	0.1
U S Postal Service	5.0	5.0	5.1	0.0	-0.1
Other Federal	7.3	7.3	8.2	0.0	-0.9
State	37.7	37.0	39.3	0.7	-1.6
Hospitals	2.4	2.5	3.0	-0.1	-0.6
Education	16.8	16.0	17.6	0.8	-0.8
Other State	18.5	18.5	18.7	0.0	-0.2
Local	71.1	70.8	70.6	0.3	0.5
Hospitals	5.0	5.0	4.8	0.0	0.2
Education	45.9	45.6	46.1	0.3	-0.2
Other Local	20.2	20.2	19.7	0.0	0.5
Labor-Management Dispute Status	1.9	2.0	0.7	xx	xx

Women Workers
Statewide Nonfarm Payroll Employment by Industry

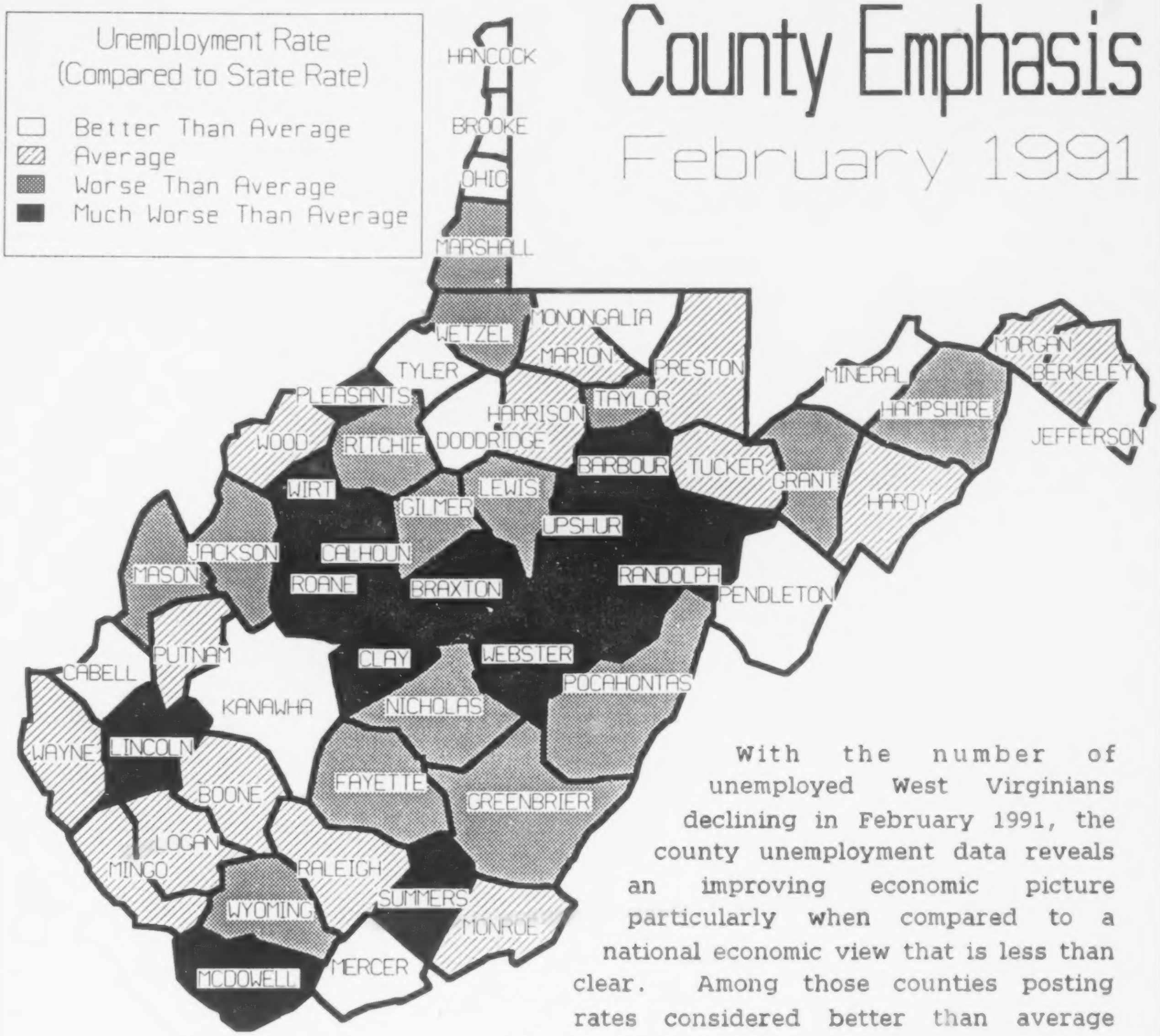
(In Thousands – Not Seasonally Adjusted)

February 1991

	Prelim. Feb.'91	Revised Jan.'91	Revised Feb.'90	Change From: Jan. 1991	Feb. 1990
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	273.9	273.3	261.0	0.6	12.9
PRIVATE SECTOR	207.8	209.7	197.8	-1.9	10.0
GOODS PRODUCING	24.1	24.1	23.9	0.0	0.2
Mining	2.0	2.0	2.1	0.0	-0.1
Coal Mining	1.1	1.1	1.2	0.0	-0.1
Oil & Gas Extraction	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.0	0.0
Construction	2.2	2.2	1.9	0.0	0.3
General Building Contractors	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.0	0.1
Heavy Construction	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.0	0.0
Special Trade Contractors	1.3	1.3	1.1	0.0	0.2
Manufacturing	19.9	19.9	19.9	0.0	0.0
Durable Goods	7.8	7.8	7.9	0.0	-0.1
Lumber, Wood Products & Furniture	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.0	-0.1
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	2.3	2.3	2.3	0.0	0.0
Primary Metals Industries	1.1	1.1	1.1	0.0	0.0
Fabricated Metal Products	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.0	0.0
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.0	0.0
Electronic & Electrical Equipment	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.0	-0.1
Transportation Equipment	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.0	0.0
Other Durable Goods	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.0	0.1
Nondurable Goods	12.1	12.1	12.0	0.0	0.1
Food & Kindred Products	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0
Textile Mill Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.0	0.0
Apparel & Other Textile Products	3.6	3.5	3.5	0.1	0.1
Paper & Allied Products	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.0	0.1
Printing & Publishing	1.8	1.9	1.9	-0.1	-0.1
Chemical & Allied Products	3.0	3.0	3.0	0.0	0.0
Other Nondurable Goods	1.8	1.8	1.8	0.0	0.0
SERVICE PRODUCING	249.8	249.2	237.1	0.6	12.7
Transportation & Public Utilities	7.8	8.0	7.6	-0.2	0.2
Trucking & Warehousing	0.7	0.8	0.8	-0.1	-0.1
Other Transportation	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.0	0.1
Communications	3.6	3.7	3.5	-0.1	0.1
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	2.4	2.4	2.3	0.0	0.1
Trade	65.5	66.1	61.8	-0.6	3.7
Wholesale Trade	5.6	5.6	5.3	0.0	0.3
Retail Trade	59.9	60.5	56.5	-0.6	3.4
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.0	0.1
General Merchandise Stores	10.5	11.1	10.4	-0.6	0.1
Food Stores	11.8	11.7	10.3	0.1	1.5
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	3.4	3.4	3.1	0.0	0.3
Apparel & Accessory Stores	4.5	4.6	4.3	-0.1	0.2
Home Furniture & Equipment Stores	1.6	1.4	1.5	0.2	0.1
Eating & Drinking Places	19.3	19.1	17.8	0.2	1.5
Miscellaneous Retail	7.9	8.3	8.3	-0.4	-0.4
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	15.4	15.5	15.5	-0.1	-0.1
Finance	11.1	11.1	10.5	0.0	0.6
Insurance	2.8	2.8	3.3	0.0	-0.5
Real Estate	1.5	1.6	1.7	-0.1	-0.2
Services	95.0	96.0	89.0	-1.0	6.0
Agricultural Services	0.7	0.8	0.6	-0.1	0.1
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	4.3	4.6	4.1	-0.3	0.2
Personal Services	4.2	4.0	3.5	0.2	0.7
Business Services	6.9	7.4	6.1	-0.5	0.8
Automotive & Miscellaneous Repair Services	1.1	1.1	1.3	0.0	-0.2
Amusements, incl. Motion Pictures	2.4	2.4	2.1	0.0	0.3
Health Services	46.3	46.7	43.7	-0.4	2.6
Nursing & Personal Care Homes	9.4	9.4	8.0	0.0	1.4
Hospitals	23.0	23.5	22.3	-0.5	0.7
Other Health Services	13.9	13.8	13.4	0.1	0.5
Legal Services	3.3	3.3	3.1	0.0	0.2
Educational Services	3.1	3.2	3.1	-0.1	0.0
Social Services	7.6	7.5	6.2	0.1	1.4
Membership Organizations	11.6	11.4	11.6	0.2	0.0
Engineering & Management Services	3.0	3.1	3.2	-0.1	-0.2
Government	66.1	63.6	63.2	2.5	2.9
Federal	6.6	6.5	6.8	0.1	-0.2
Hospitals	1.7	1.6	1.6	0.1	0.1
U S Postal Service	1.4	1.4	1.3	0.0	0.1
Other Federal	3.5	3.5	3.9	0.0	-0.4
State	18.7	16.9	17.9	1.8	0.8
Hospitals	1.7	1.7	2.0	0.0	-0.3
Education	9.1	7.6	8.3	1.5	0.8
Other State	7.9	7.6	7.6	0.3	0.3
Local	40.8	40.2	38.5	0.6	2.3
Hospitals	4.2	4.2	4.0	0.0	0.2
Education	29.7	29.1	27.9	0.6	1.8
Other Local	6.9	6.9	6.6	0.0	0.3

County Emphasis

February 1991


Unemployment Rate
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HANCOCK
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HAMPSHIRE
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MINGO
RALEIGH
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SUMMERS
MONROE
MCDOWELL
MERCER

With the number of unemployed West Virginians declining in February 1991, the county unemployment data reveals an improving economic picture particularly when compared to a national economic view that is less than clear. Among those counties posting rates considered better than average include Doddridge (7.0), Tyler (7.0), Mercer (6.7), Jefferson (6.4), Brooke (6.3), Hancock (6.3), Pendleton (6.0), Kanawha (5.6), Mineral (5.6), Ohio (5.6), Cabell (5.5), and Monongalia (3.7).

Job losses in trade, construction, mining, and manufacturing overshadowed job gains in services and government during February. This net loss of jobs contributed to the double digit unemployment rate experienced in several counties. Counties with unemployment rates considered much worse than average were Randolph (12.2), Lincoln (12.4), Upshur (12.8), Braxton (12.9), Summers (13.5), Webster (14.1), McDowell (14.1), Clay (14.4), Wirt (16.0), Barbour (16.1), Roane (16.2), Pleasants (16.7), and Calhoun (21.8). Many of these rates however, represented declines from January 1991.

West Virginia Labor Force Statistics by County

*(WV Series Labor Force Data -- as calculated by the WV Bureau of Employment Programs)**

February 1991
(Revised January 1991 in parentheses)

THESE LABOR FORCE STATISTICS WERE DESIGNED TO BE USED FOR ECONOMIC ANALYSIS

County	Civilian Labor Force		Employment		Unemployment		Unemployment As Percent of Civilian Labor Force	
Barbour	4,860	(4,900)	4,080	(4,020)	780	(880)	16.1	(18.0)
Berkeley	27,600	(27,580)	25,370	(25,170)	2,230	(2,410)	8.1	(8.7)
Boone	8,090	(8,160)	7,490	(7,580)	600	(570)	7.4	(7.0)
Braxton	5,520	(5,600)	4,810	(4,810)	710	(790)	12.9	(14.0)
Brooke	10,090	(10,270)	9,450	(9,510)	630	(760)	6.3	(7.4)
Cabell	42,320	(42,730)	39,980	(40,400)	2,340	(2,330)	5.5	(5.4)
Calhoun	2,920	(2,870)	2,290	(2,270)	640	(600)	21.8	(21.0)
Clay	3,080	(3,110)	2,640	(2,640)	440	(460)	14.4	(14.9)
Doddridge	2,240	(2,290)	2,090	(2,110)	160	(180)	7.0	(7.7)
Fayette	15,430	(15,600)	13,740	(13,850)	1,690	(1,760)	11.0	(11.3)
Gilmer	2,860	(2,930)	2,570	(2,640)	290	(300)	10.2	(10.1)
Grant	4,700	(4,700)	4,240	(4,190)	470	(520)	9.9	(11.0)
Greenbrier	14,560	(14,610)	12,810	(12,640)	1,750	(1,970)	12.0	(13.5)
Hampshire	6,950	(6,770)	6,170	(5,930)	780	(840)	11.3	(12.3)
Hancock	13,510	(13,470)	12,660	(12,740)	850	(730)	6.3	(5.4)
Hardy	5,880	(5,630)	5,400	(5,170)	480	(460)	8.2	(8.1)
Harrison	28,010	(28,420)	25,580	(25,900)	2,420	(2,530)	8.7	(8.9)
Jackson	10,010	(10,060)	8,920	(8,940)	1,080	(1,120)	10.8	(11.1)
Jefferson	19,670	(19,260)	18,420	(17,860)	1,250	(1,400)	6.4	(7.2)
Kanawha	95,510	(96,690)	90,190	(90,790)	5,320	(5,890)	5.6	(6.1)
Lewis	7,080	(7,290)	6,370	(6,370)	710	(930)	10.0	(12.7)
Lincoln	7,510	(7,500)	6,580	(6,560)	930	(940)	12.4	(12.6)
Logan	13,230	(13,310)	12,220	(12,240)	1,010	(1,070)	7.6	(8.0)
McDowell	6,490	(6,480)	5,570	(5,630)	920	(850)	14.1	(13.1)
Marion	21,530	(21,930)	19,810	(19,880)	1,710	(2,050)	8.0	(9.4)
Marshall	14,440	(14,360)	12,970	(13,190)	1,470	(1,170)	10.2	(8.1)
Mason	9,760	(9,710)	8,650	(8,580)	1,110	(1,130)	11.4	(11.7)
Mercer	25,490	(25,880)	23,780	(24,060)	1,710	(1,830)	6.7	(7.1)
Mineral	10,270	(10,300)	9,700	(9,750)	580	(550)	5.6	(5.3)
Mingo	10,910	(10,870)	10,070	(10,130)	840	(740)	7.7	(6.8)
Monongalia	38,930	(38,780)	37,490	(37,120)	1,440	(1,660)	3.7	(4.3)
Monroe	4,940	(4,850)	4,510	(4,450)	430	(400)	8.6	(8.1)
Morgan	5,020	(5,080)	4,660	(4,670)	360	(410)	7.2	(8.0)
Nicholas	8,520	(8,690)	7,570	(7,670)	940	(1,020)	11.1	(11.8)
Ohio	23,270	(23,780)	21,970	(22,350)	1,290	(1,420)	5.6	(6.0)
Pendleton	3,820	(4,380)	3,590	(3,520)	230	(870)	6.0	(19.7)
Pleasants	2,290	(2,280)	1,900	(1,910)	380	(370)	16.7	(16.1)
Pocahontas	5,220	(5,360)	4,730	(4,810)	490	(550)	9.4	(10.2)
Preston	12,720	(12,850)	11,680	(11,560)	1,040	(1,280)	8.2	(10.0)
Putnam	16,500	(16,620)	15,130	(15,230)	1,370	(1,390)	8.3	(8.4)
Raleigh	27,010	(27,310)	24,780	(24,980)	2,220	(2,330)	8.2	(8.5)
Randolph	11,350	(11,270)	9,960	(9,760)	1,380	(1,500)	12.2	(13.3)
Ritchie	5,220	(5,230)	4,610	(4,590)	610	(640)	11.7	(12.2)
Roane	4,930	(4,960)	4,130	(4,100)	800	(860)	16.2	(17.4)
Summers	4,070	(4,170)	3,520	(3,590)	550	(570)	13.5	(13.8)
Taylor	5,590	(5,780)	5,010	(5,080)	570	(710)	10.2	(12.2)
Tucker	3,580	(3,620)	3,260	(3,280)	320	(350)	9.0	(9.6)
Tyler	4,720	(4,830)	4,390	(4,450)	330	(380)	7.0	(7.9)
Upshur	8,230	(8,310)	7,170	(7,210)	1,060	(1,100)	12.8	(13.3)
Wayne	15,580	(15,820)	14,340	(14,490)	1,240	(1,330)	8.0	(8.4)
Webster	2,890	(2,930)	2,490	(2,520)	410	(410)	14.1	(14.1)
Wetzel	9,500	(9,600)	8,590	(8,700)	910	(900)	9.6	(9.4)
Wirt	2,220	(2,150)	1,860	(1,840)	350	(320)	16.0	(14.7)
Wood	40,560	(40,320)	37,490	(37,590)	3,070	(2,730)	7.6	(6.8)
Wyoming	6,810	(6,870)	6,140	(6,220)	670	(640)	9.8	(9.4)
Statewide	724,000	(729,100)	665,600	(667,200)	58,400	(61,900)	8.1	(8.5)

All data have been revised to March 1990 benchmark.

*The West Virginia Bureau of Employment Programs and the U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics use different methodologies in calculating the unemployment rate.

West Virginia Labor Force Statistics by County

*(BLS Series Labor Force Data –Using U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics Methodology)**

February 1991
(Revised January 1991 in parentheses)

APPROVED BY THE U. S. BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS TO ALLOCATE FEDERAL FUNDS AND DETERMINE ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

County	Civilian Labor Force		Employment		Unemployment		Unemployment As Percent of Civilian Labor Force	
Barbour	5,310	(5,330)	4,220	(4,160)	1,080	(1,170)	20.4	(21.9)
Berkeley	29,360	(29,230)	26,290	(26,040)	3,070	(3,180)	10.5	(10.9)
Boone	8,580	(8,600)	7,760	(7,850)	820	(760)	9.6	(8.8)
Braxton	5,970	(6,020)	4,990	(4,980)	980	(1,040)	16.4	(17.3)
Brooke	10,670	(10,850)	9,800	(9,840)	870	(1,010)	8.2	(9.3)
Cabell	44,660	(44,880)	41,430	(41,800)	3,230	(3,080)	7.2	(6.9)
Calhoun	3,250	(3,140)	2,370	(2,340)	880	(800)	27.0	(25.4)
Clay	3,340	(3,350)	2,730	(2,730)	610	(610)	18.3	(18.3)
Doddridge	2,380	(2,420)	2,160	(2,190)	220	(230)	9.0	(9.6)
Fayette	16,570	(16,650)	14,240	(14,320)	2,330	(2,320)	14.1	(13.9)
Gilmer	3,070	(3,120)	2,660	(2,730)	400	(390)	13.2	(12.6)
Grant	5,030	(5,020)	4,390	(4,330)	640	(690)	12.8	(13.7)
Greenbrier	15,690	(15,690)	13,270	(13,080)	2,420	(2,610)	15.4	(16.7)
Hampshire	7,480	(7,250)	6,390	(6,140)	1,080	(1,110)	14.5	(15.3)
Hancock	14,290	(14,140)	13,120	(13,180)	1,170	(960)	8.2	(6.8)
Hardy	6,260	(5,950)	5,590	(5,350)	670	(610)	10.7	(10.2)
Harrison	29,860	(30,140)	26,510	(26,800)	3,350	(3,340)	11.2	(11.1)
Jackson	10,740	(10,730)	9,250	(9,250)	1,490	(1,480)	13.9	(13.8)
Jefferson	20,820	(20,330)	19,090	(18,480)	1,730	(1,850)	8.3	(9.1)
Kanawha	100,800	(101,740)	93,460	(93,940)	7,340	(7,800)	7.3	(7.7)
Lewis	7,580	(7,810)	6,600	(6,590)	980	(1,220)	12.9	(15.7)
Lincoln	8,100	(8,030)	6,820	(6,780)	1,280	(1,250)	15.8	(15.5)
Logan	14,050	(14,080)	12,660	(12,660)	1,390	(1,420)	9.9	(10.1)
McDowell	7,040	(6,950)	5,780	(5,820)	1,260	(1,120)	17.9	(16.2)
Marion	22,900	(23,290)	20,530	(20,570)	2,370	(2,720)	10.3	(11.7)
Marshall	15,470	(15,200)	13,440	(13,650)	2,030	(1,550)	13.1	(10.2)
Mason	10,490	(10,370)	8,960	(8,870)	1,530	(1,500)	14.6	(14.5)
Mercer	27,000	(27,310)	24,640	(24,890)	2,360	(2,420)	8.7	(8.8)
Mineral	10,840	(10,810)	10,050	(10,090)	790	(720)	7.3	(6.7)
Mingo	11,600	(11,470)	10,440	(10,480)	1,160	(990)	10.0	(8.6)
Monongalia	40,840	(40,600)	38,850	(38,410)	1,980	(2,200)	4.9	(5.4)
Monroe	5,270	(5,130)	4,680	(4,610)	590	(520)	11.2	(10.2)
Morgan	5,330	(5,370)	4,830	(4,830)	500	(540)	9.4	(10.0)
Nicholas	9,150	(9,290)	7,850	(7,940)	1,300	(1,350)	14.2	(14.6)
Ohio	24,560	(25,010)	22,770	(23,130)	1,790	(1,880)	7.3	(7.5)
Pendleton	4,040	(4,780)	3,720	(3,640)	320	(1,150)	7.9	(23.9)
Pleasants	2,500	(2,460)	1,970	(1,980)	530	(490)	21.0	(19.7)
Pocahontas	5,580	(5,700)	4,900	(4,980)	680	(730)	12.1	(12.7)
Preston	13,540	(13,660)	12,100	(11,960)	1,440	(1,700)	10.6	(12.4)
Putnam	17,570	(17,590)	15,680	(15,760)	1,890	(1,840)	10.8	(10.4)
Raleigh	28,750	(28,920)	25,680	(25,850)	3,070	(3,080)	10.7	(10.6)
Randolph	12,230	(12,090)	10,330	(10,100)	1,910	(1,990)	15.6	(16.4)
Ritchie	5,620	(5,600)	4,780	(4,750)	840	(850)	14.9	(15.1)
Roane	5,380	(5,380)	4,280	(4,240)	1,100	(1,140)	20.5	(21.2)
Summers	4,410	(4,480)	3,650	(3,720)	760	(760)	17.2	(17.0)
Taylor	5,990	(6,190)	5,200	(5,250)	790	(940)	13.2	(15.1)
Tucker	3,830	(3,850)	3,380	(3,390)	450	(460)	11.7	(11.9)
Tyler	5,010	(5,110)	4,550	(4,610)	460	(510)	9.1	(9.9)
Upshur	8,890	(8,920)	7,430	(7,460)	1,460	(1,460)	16.4	(16.3)
Wayne	16,570	(16,760)	14,860	(15,000)	1,710	(1,760)	10.3	(10.5)
Webster	3,140	(3,150)	2,580	(2,600)	560	(550)	17.9	(17.3)
Wetzel	10,150	(10,200)	8,900	(9,000)	1,250	(1,190)	12.3	(11.7)
Wirt	2,420	(2,320)	1,930	(1,900)	490	(420)	20.2	(18.1)
Wood	43,090	(42,500)	38,850	(38,900)	4,240	(3,610)	9.8	(8.5)
Wyoming	7,280	(7,290)	6,360	(6,440)	930	(850)	12.7	(11.6)
Statewide	770,300	(772,200)	689,700	(690,300)	80,600	(81,900)	10.5	(10.6)

All data have been revised to March 1990 benchmark.

*Calculated according to Current Population Survey adjusted to BLS procedures.

West Virginia Labor Force Statistics by Local Area

WV Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Feb.'91	Revised Jan.'91	Revised Feb.'90
Charleston MSA			
Labor Force	112.0	113.3	111.2
Employment	105.3	106.0	105.3
Unemployment	6.7	7.3	6.0
Rate (%)	6.0	6.4	5.4
Huntington - Ashland - Ironton MSA			
Labor Force	126.6	127.4	123.0
Employment	118.5	119.3	116.3
Unemployment	8.1	8.1	6.6
Rate (%)	6.4	6.4	5.4
Parkersburg - Marietta MSA			
Labor Force	69.3	68.8	67.8
Employment	64.6	64.6	64.4
Unemployment	4.7	4.3	3.4
Rate (%)	6.8	6.2	5.0
Wheeling - Bridgeport MSA			
Labor Force	67.4	68.1	66.9
Employment	62.9	63.8	63.7
Unemployment	4.5	4.3	3.2
Rate (%)	6.6	6.3	4.8
Clarksburg LMA			
Labor Force	35.8	36.5	35.3
Employment	32.7	33.1	32.6
Unemployment	3.2	3.4	2.6
Rate (%)	8.8	9.3	7.5
Gauley LMA			
Labor Force	11.4	11.6	11.4
Employment	10.1	10.2	10.0
Unemployment	1.4	1.4	1.4
Rate (%)	11.8	12.3	12.6
Morgantown - Kingwood LMA			
Labor Force	51.7	51.6	49.0
Employment	49.2	48.7	46.9
Unemployment	2.5	2.9	2.1
Rate (%)	4.8	5.7	4.2
New Martinsville LMA			
Labor Force	14.2	14.4	14.0
Employment	13.0	13.2	12.8
Unemployment	1.2	1.3	1.1
Rate (%)	8.7	8.9	8.2
Ronceverte - White Sulphur Springs LMA			
Labor Force	19.5	19.5	19.2
Employment	17.3	17.1	17.3
Unemployment	2.2	2.4	1.9
Rate (%)	11.2	12.2	10.0

BLS Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Feb.'91	Revised Jan.'91	Revised Feb.'90
Charleston MSA			
Labor Force	118.4	119.3	118.5
Employment	109.1	109.7	110.8
Unemployment	9.2	9.6	7.7
Rate (%)	7.8	8.1	6.5
Huntington - Ashland - Ironton MSA			
Labor Force	132.4	130.8	131.7
Employment	120.1	119.1	120.4
Unemployment	12.4	11.7	11.3
Rate (%)	9.3	9.0	8.6
Parkersburg - Marietta MSA			
Labor Force	73.0	72.3	72.5
Employment	66.2	66.3	67.2
Unemployment	6.8	6.0	5.3
Rate (%)	9.3	8.4	7.3
Wheeling - Bridgeport MSA			
Labor Force	70.9	71.5	71.6
Employment	64.5	65.4	66.4
Unemployment	6.5	6.1	5.2
Rate (%)	9.1	8.5	7.2
Clarksburg LMA			
Labor Force	38.2	38.7	37.7
Employment	33.9	34.2	34.3
Unemployment	4.3	4.5	3.4
Rate (%)	11.4	11.6	9.1
Gauley LMA			
Labor Force	12.3	12.4	12.4
Employment	10.4	10.5	10.5
Unemployment	1.9	1.9	1.9
Rate (%)	15.2	15.3	15.0
Morgantown - Kingwood LMA			
Labor Force	54.4	54.3	52.0
Employment	51.0	50.4	49.3
Unemployment	3.4	3.9	2.7
Rate (%)	6.3	7.2	5.2
New Martinsville LMA			
Labor Force	15.2	15.3	15.0
Employment	13.4	13.6	13.5
Unemployment	1.7	1.7	1.5
Rate (%)	11.3	11.1	9.9
Ronceverte - White Sulphur Springs LMA			
Labor Force	21.0	20.8	20.7
Employment	17.9	17.7	18.2
Unemployment	3.0	3.1	2.5
Rate (%)	14.4	15.1	12.0

Charleston Metropolitan Statistical Area

(Counties of Kanawha and Putnam, West Virginia)

HIGHLIGHTS

EMPLOYMENT: Nonfarm payroll employment remained essentially unchanged (-100) during February 1991 in the Charleston Metropolitan Statistical Area. Employment declined slightly in the goods-producing sector (-200), while the service-producing industries registered a slight increase (+100). The decline in retail trade (-300) was offset by small gains noted in government (+200) and services (+300). Comparison with February 1990 data indicates an increase of 1,900 jobs over the year. Goods-producing sector employment declined slightly (-100) with manufacturing declining by 200, primarily due to a continuing labor-management dispute in the chemical industry. The service-producing sector advanced sharply by 2,000. The largest job growth occurred in services (+1,800). Total trade increased by 400 over the year.

UNEMPLOYMENT: Total unemployment fell by 600 during February 1991 in the Charleston MSA. The area unemployment rate also declined to 6.0 percent of the civilian labor force. Comparison with year-ago February 1990 indicates a 700 increase in total unemployment over the year, with the unemployment rate up from 5.4 percent.

WV Series Labor Force Data
(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Feb.'91	Revised Jan.'91	Revised Feb.'90
Labor Force	112.0	113.3	111.2
Employment	105.3	106.0	105.3
Unemployment	6.7	7.3	6.0
Rate (%)	6.0	6.4	5.4

BLS Series Labor Force Data
(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Feb.'91	Revised Jan.'91	Revised Feb.'90
Labor Force	118.4	119.3	118.5
Employment	109.1	109.7	110.8
Unemployment	9.2	9.6	7.7
Rate (%)	7.8	8.1	6.5

NONFARM PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

	Prelim. Feb.'91	Revised Jan.'91	Revised Feb.'90	Change From: Jan. 1991	Feb. 1990
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	110.6	110.7	108.7	-0.1	1.9
PRIVATE SECTOR	91.0	91.3	88.7	-0.3	2.3
GOODS PRODUCING	16.8	17.0	16.9	-0.2	-0.1
Mining	2.1	2.1	2.1	0.0	0.0
Construction	4.1	4.2	4.0	-0.1	0.1
Manufacturing	10.6	10.7	10.8	-0.1	-0.2
Durable Goods	1.8	1.8	1.7	0.0	0.1
Nondurable Goods	8.8	8.9	9.1	-0.1	-0.3
Chemical & Allied Products	7.4	7.5	7.8	-0.1	-0.4
Other Nondurable Goods	1.4	1.4	1.3	0.0	0.1
SERVICE PRODUCING	93.8	93.7	91.8	0.1	2.0
Transportation & Public Utilities	9.0	9.0	8.8	0.0	0.2
Trade	28.7	29.1	28.3	-0.4	0.4
Wholesale Trade	7.1	7.2	7.1	-0.1	0.0
Retail Trade	21.6	21.9	21.2	-0.3	0.4
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	6.5	6.5	6.5	0.0	0.0
Services	30.0	29.7	28.2	0.3	1.8
Health Services	10.6	10.5	10.5	0.1	0.1
Government	19.6	19.4	20.0	0.2	-0.4
Federal	1.7	1.7	1.8	0.0	-0.1
State	9.4	9.2	9.7	0.2	-0.3
Local	8.5	8.5	8.5	0.0	0.0
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.3	0.3	0.0	xx	xx

Average Hours and Earnings of Production Workers in Manufacturing

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Prelim. Feb.'91	Revised Jan.'91	Revised Feb.'90	Prelim. Feb.'91	Revised Jan.'91	Revised Feb.'90	Prelim. Feb.'91	Revised Jan.'91	Revised Feb.'90
Manufacturing	$584.80	$583.51	$586.64	43.0	43.0	43.5	$13.60	$13.57	$13.44
Nondurable Goods	623.71	629.31	621.96	43.8	44.1	43.8	14.24	14.27	14.20
Chemical & Allied Products	710.70	717.14	691.46	46.0	46.0	44.9	15.45	15.59	15.40

Huntington-Ashland-Ironton Metropolitan Statistical Area

(Counties of Cabell and Wayne, West Virginia; Boyd, Carter and Greenup, Kentucky; Lawrence, Ohio)

HIGHLIGHTS

EMPLOYMENT: Total nonfarm payroll employment in the Huntington-Ashland-Ironton MSA declined by 700 in February 1991. The goods-producing sector suffered a decrease of 700 while the service-producing sector remained unchanged. Losses in construction (-200) and manufacturing (-500) were primarily responsible for the monthly decline. In the service-producing sector, retail trade fell by 400. Total government increased by 500, offsetting the monthly decline in total trade. Comparison with year-ago February 1991 indicates a sharp increase of 2,700 jobs. The large portion of this increase occurred in services (+1,300), trade (+500) and transportation and public utilities (+500). The goods-producing sector increased by 200 over the year.

UNEMPLOYMENT: Unemployment in the Huntington MSA remained constant during February 1991. The MSA unemployment rate also remained unchanged at 6.4 percent of the civilian labor force. The year-ago comparison indicates an increase of 1,500 unemployed.

WV Series Labor Force Data
(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Feb.'91	Revised Jan.'91	Revised Feb.'90
Labor Force	126.6	127.4	123.0
Employment	118.5	119.3	116.3
Unemployment	8.1	8.1	6.6
Rate (%)	6.4	6.4	5.4

BLS Series Labor Force Data
(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Feb.'91	Revised Jan.'91	Revised Feb.'90
Labor Force	132.4	130.8	131.7
Employment	120.1	119.1	120.4
Unemployment	12.4	11.7	11.3
Rate (%)	9.3	9.0	8.6

NONFARM PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

	Prelim. Feb.'91	Revised Jan.'91	Revised Feb.'90	Change From: Jan. 1991	Feb. 1990
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	110.2	110.9	107.5	-0.7	2.7
PRIVATE SECTOR	90.7	91.9	88.1	-1.2	2.6
GOODS PRODUCING	25.8	26.5	25.6	-0.7	0.2
Mining	1.5	1.5	1.4	0.0	0.1
Construction	4.6	4.8	4.6	-0.2	0.0
Manufacturing	19.7	20.2	19.6	-0.5	0.1
Durable Goods	11.8	12.3	12.0	-0.5	-0.2
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	1.5	1.6	1.5	-0.1	0.0
Primary & Fabricated Metal Products	7.5	7.8	7.7	-0.3	-0.2
Other Durable Goods	2.8	2.9	2.8	-0.1	0.0
Nondurable Goods	7.9	7.9	7.6	0.0	0.3
Apparel & Other Textile Products	1.5	1.5	1.4	0.0	0.1
Chemicals & Petroleum	4.1	4.1	4.0	0.0	0.1
Other Nondurable Goods	2.3	2.3	2.2	0.0	0.1
SERVICE PRODUCING	84.4	84.4	81.9	0.0	2.5
Transportation & Public Utilities	7.9	8.0	7.4	-0.1	0.5
Trade	27.7	28.2	27.2	-0.5	0.5
Wholesale Trade	5.5	5.6	5.4	-0.1	0.1
Retail Trade	22.2	22.6	21.8	-0.4	0.4
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	3.8	3.8	3.7	0.0	0.1
Services	25.5	25.4	24.2	0.1	1.3
Health Services	10.7	10.7	10.3	0.0	0.4
Government	19.5	19.0	19.4	0.5	0.1
Federal	2.9	2.8	2.8	0.1	0.1
State	4.9	4.6	4.9	0.3	0.0
Local	11.7	11.6	11.7	0.1	0.0
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.0	xx	xx

Average Hours and Earnings of Production Workers in Manufacturing

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Prelim. Feb.'91	Revised Jan.'91	Revised Feb.'90	Prelim. Feb.'91	Revised Jan.'91	Revised Feb.'90	Prelim. Feb.'91	Revised Jan.'91	Revised Feb.'90
Manufacturing	$514.44	$524.37	$540.47	39.3	38.9	41.1	$13.09	$13.48	$13.15
Durable Goods	534.30	550.68	565.82	39.2	39.0	42.1	13.63	14.12	13.44
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	543.37	549.48	503.88	43.4	43.3	41.2	12.52	12.69	12.23
Primary & Fabricated Metal Products	560.60	580.62	617.95	37.2	37.1	42.5	15.07	15.65	14.54
Nondurable Goods	483.48	483.92	500.15	39.5	38.9	39.6	12.24	12.44	12.63

Parkersburg-Marietta Metropolitan Statistical Area

(Counties of Wood, West Virginia; Washington, Ohio)

HIGHLIGHTS

EMPLOYMENT: Total nonfarm payroll employment in the Parkersburg-Marietta MSA went unchanged during February 1991. Within the goods-producing sector, a decline (-100) in manufacturing was offset by an advance (+100) in construction. Likewise, service-producing jobs maintained the status quo with a loss (-100) in trade offset by a gain (+100) in government. Over the last twelve months total nonfarm payroll employment gained 700 jobs. Goods-producing employment realized a net loss of 200 jobs with manufacturing industries sustaining the retreat entirely. By contrast, employment within the service-producing sector gained 900. A loss (-200) in transportation and public utilities was overshadowed by improvements in trade (+400) and services (+700).

UNEMPLOYMENT: Total unemployment during February 1991 in the Parkersburg-Marietta MSA grew by 400. The unemployment rate increased from 6.2 to 6.8 percent of the civilian labor force. Compared to year ago February 1990, the unemployment rate advanced from 5.0 to 6.8 percent.

WV Series Labor Force Data
(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Feb.'91	Revised Jan.'91	Revised Feb.'90
Labor Force	69.3	68.8	67.8
Employment	64.6	64.6	64.4
Unemployment	4.7	4.3	3.4
Rate (%)	6.8	6.2	5.0

BLS Series Labor Force Data
(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Feb.'91	Revised Jan.'91	Revised Feb.'90
Labor Force	73.0	72.3	72.5
Employment	66.2	66.3	67.2
Unemployment	6.8	6.0	5.3
Rate (%)	9.3	8.4	7.3

NONFARM PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

	Prelim. Feb.'91	Revised Jan.'91	Revised Feb.'90	Change From: Jan. 1991	Feb. 1990
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	60.9	60.9	60.2	0.0	0.7
PRIVATE SECTOR	51.3	51.4	50.6	-0.1	0.7
GOODS PRODUCING	17.1	17.1	17.3	0.0	-0.2
Mining	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.0	0.0
Construction	2.4	2.3	2.4	0.1	0.0
Manufacturing	14.2	14.3	14.4	-0.1	-0.2
Durable Goods	7.0	7.0	7.0	0.0	0.0
Lumber, Wood Products & Furniture	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	1.7	1.7	1.6	0.0	0.1
Primary & Fabricated Metal Products	3.0	3.0	2.9	0.0	0.1
Other Durable Goods	1.3	1.3	1.5	0.0	-0.2
Nondurable Goods	7.2	7.3	7.4	-0.1	-0.2
Chemical & Allied Products	5.5	5.5	5.6	0.0	-0.1
Other Nondurable Goods	1.7	1.8	1.8	-0.1	-0.1
SERVICE PRODUCING	43.8	43.8	42.9	0.0	0.9
Transportation & Public Utilities	2.3	2.3	2.5	0.0	-0.2
Trade	14.8	14.9	14.4	-0.1	0.4
Wholesale Trade	2.8	2.8	2.8	0.0	0.0
Retail Trade	12.0	12.1	11.6	-0.1	0.4
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	2.2	2.2	2.2	0.0	0.0
Services	14.9	14.9	14.2	0.0	0.7
Health Services	4.5	4.5	4.4	0.0	0.1
Government	9.6	9.5	9.6	0.1	0.0
Federal	1.7	1.7	1.7	0.0	0.0
State	1.1	1.1	1.1	0.0	0.0
Local	6.8	6.7	6.8	0.1	0.0
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.0	xx	xx

Average Hours and Earnings of Production Workers in Manufacturing

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Prelim. Feb.'91	Revised Jan.'91	Revised Feb.'90	Prelim. Feb.'91	Revised Jan.'91	Revised Feb.'90	Prelim. Feb.'91	Revised Jan.'91	Revised Feb.'90
Manufacturing	$559.78	$575.61	$531.48	40.8	42.2	41.2	$13.72	$13.64	$12.90
Durable Goods	457.97	490.84	454.25	37.6	40.2	39.5	12.18	12.21	11.50
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	524.98	540.67	534.70	41.5	44.1	44.3	12.65	12.26	12.07
Primary & Fabricated Metal Products	457.49	510.90	457.42	35.3	38.5	36.8	12.96	13.27	12.43
Nondurable Goods	679.70	675.51	620.64	44.6	44.5	43.1	15.24	15.18	14.40

Wheeling-Bridgeport Metropolitan Statistical Area

(Counties of Marshall and Ohio, West Virginia; Belmont, Ohio)

HIGHLIGHTS

EMPLOYMENT: Total nonfarm payroll employment declined 800 during February 1991 in the Wheeling-Bridgeport MSA. The goods-producing sector fell significantly (-700) with decline noted in mining (-300), construction (-200) and manufacturing (-200). The service-producing sector fell slightly during the month (-100). Transportation and public utilities, as well as retail trade declined by 100. Services increased by 100 jobs. Finance, insurance, and real estate and government remained unchanged. Comparison with year-ago February 1990 data reveals a decline of 300 jobs in the private sector. Goods-producing jobs declined by 500 particularly in mining (-200), construction (-100) and manufacturing (-200). The service-producing sector gained 200 jobs over the year, as retail trade advanced 300 jobs. Transportation and public utilities fell by 100.

UNEMPLOYMENT: Total unemployment increased slightly by 200 during February 1991. The MSA unemployment rate increased to 6.6 percent of the civilian labor force. Comparison with year ago February 1990 reveals unemployment increased by 1,300, with the unemployment rate increasing from 4.8 percent to 6.6 percent.

WV Series Labor Force Data
(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Feb.'91	Revised Jan.'91	Revised Feb.'90
Labor Force	67.4	68.1	66.9
Employment	62.9	63.8	63.7
Unemployment	4.5	4.3	3.2
Rate (%)	6.6	6.3	4.8

BLS Series Labor Force Data
(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Feb.'91	Revised Jan.'91	Revised Feb.'90
Labor Force	70.9	71.5	71.6
Employment	64.5	65.4	66.4
Unemployment	6.5	6.1	5.2
Rate (%)	9.1	8.5	7.2

NONFARM PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

	Prelim. Feb.'91	Revised Jan.'91	Revised Feb.'90	Change From: Jan. 1991	Feb. 1990
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	58.6	59.4	58.9	-0.8	-0.3
PRIVATE SECTOR	49.5	50.3	49.8	-0.8	-0.3
GOODS PRODUCING	10.4	11.1	10.9	-0.7	-0.5
Mining	2.0	2.3	2.2	-0.3	-0.2
Construction	1.4	1.6	1.5	-0.2	-0.1
Manufacturing	7.0	7.2	7.2	-0.2	-0.2
Durable Goods	2.6	2.8	2.9	-0.2	-0.3
Nondurable Goods	4.4	4.4	4.3	0.0	0.1
SERVICE PRODUCING	48.2	48.3	48.0	-0.1	0.2
Transportation & Public Utilities	3.2	3.3	3.3	-0.1	-0.1
Trade	15.9	16.0	15.6	-0.1	0.3
Wholesale Trade	2.8	2.8	2.8	0.0	0.0
Retail Trade	13.1	13.2	12.8	-0.1	0.3
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	3.0	3.0	3.0	0.0	0.0
Services	17.0	16.9	17.0	0.1	0.0
Health Services	7.6	7.6	7.6	0.0	0.0
Government	9.1	9.1	9.1	0.0	0.0
Federal	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.0	0.0
State	1.8	1.7	1.7	0.1	0.1
Local	6.6	6.7	6.7	-0.1	-0.1
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.0	xx	xx

Average Hours and Earnings of Production Workers in Manufacturing

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Prelim. Feb.'91	Revised Jan.'91	Revised Feb.'90	Prelim. Feb.'91	Revised Jan.'91	Revised Feb.'90	Prelim. Feb.'91	Revised Jan.'91	Revised Feb.'90
Manufacturing	$570.43	$546.32	$546.12	40.6	40.2	41.0	$14.05	$13.59	$13.32
Nondurable Goods	611.05	592.66	567.60	40.9	41.1	40.0	14.94	14.42	14.19
Durable Goods	516.24	487.11	520.75	40.3	39.0	42.2	12.81	12.49	12.34

Applicants and Nonfarm Job Openings in West Virginia Job Service Offices

Occupational Category	Applicants Available Program Year to Date 2/	Active File	NONFARM JOB OPENINGS				Applicant/ Openings Program Year to Date	Active File/ Unfilled Openings End of Month
			Received Program Year to Date 2/	UNFILLED Total	UNFILLED 30 Days or More	FILLED Total		
TOTAL 3/	136,378	55,872	26,492	2,027	1,317	19,705	5.1	27.6
Professional, Technical & Managerial	13,023	5,656	842	188	116	275	15.5	30.1
Clerical & Sales	38,365	13,863	5,622	650	450	3,560	6.8	21.3
Services	17,276	6,182	4,412	308	125	2,875	3.9	20.1
Agricultural, Fishery & Forestry	1,009	422	111	35	32	48	9.1	12.1
Processing	8,453	3,903	574	136	62	366	14.7	28.7
Machine Trades	8,812	4,193	708	84	53	318	12.4	49.9
Benchwork	6,040	2,552	983	92	63	779	6.1	27.7
Structural Work	21,188	10,458	1,650	231	175	938	12.8	45.3
Miscellaneous	26,987	9,905	11,590	303	241	10,546	2.3	32.7
Transportation	5,924	2,930	668	62	36	353	8.9	47.3
Packaging & Materials Handling	17,959	5,185	10,742	225	196	10,093	1.7	23.0
Other 4/	3,104	1,790	180	16	9	100	17.2	111.9
Entry Total 5/	93	10	0	0	0	0	xx	xx

1/ Source of Data: SAMS (State Employment Security Automated Management System); Table A96 containing fully registered applicants.

2/ Period Covered: July 1, 1990 through February 28, 1991. Program Year 1990 defined as July 1, 1990 through June 30, 1991.

3/ Total excludes invalid occupational data.

4/ Includes mining, logging, utilities, miscellaneous amusement and recreation, and graphic art work.

5/ Applicants for whom a complete occupational code cannot be assigned because of lack of training/experience.

Select Unemployment Compensation Claims Activities

State UI Program Activity	February 1991	January 1991	February 1990	Percent Change to February 1991 from	
				Jan. 1991	Feb. 1990
Total Initial Claims 1/	9,306	18,148	6,848	-48.7	35.9
Total Continued Weeks	118,134	132,744	87,336	-11.0	35.3
Total Benefits Paid	$14,926,540	$15,772,266	$10,171,696	-5.4	46.7
Total Weeks Compensated	99,854	105,945	73,828	-5.7	35.3
Average Weekly Payment	$149.48	$148.87	$137.78	0.4	8.5
Monthly Insured Unemployment Rate 2/	5.6	4.7	4.0	xx	xx
UC Fund Balance, End of Month	$126,907,055	$136,482,309	$128,778,481	-7.0	-1.5

1/ Excluding transitional claims.

2/ Seasonally unadjusted.

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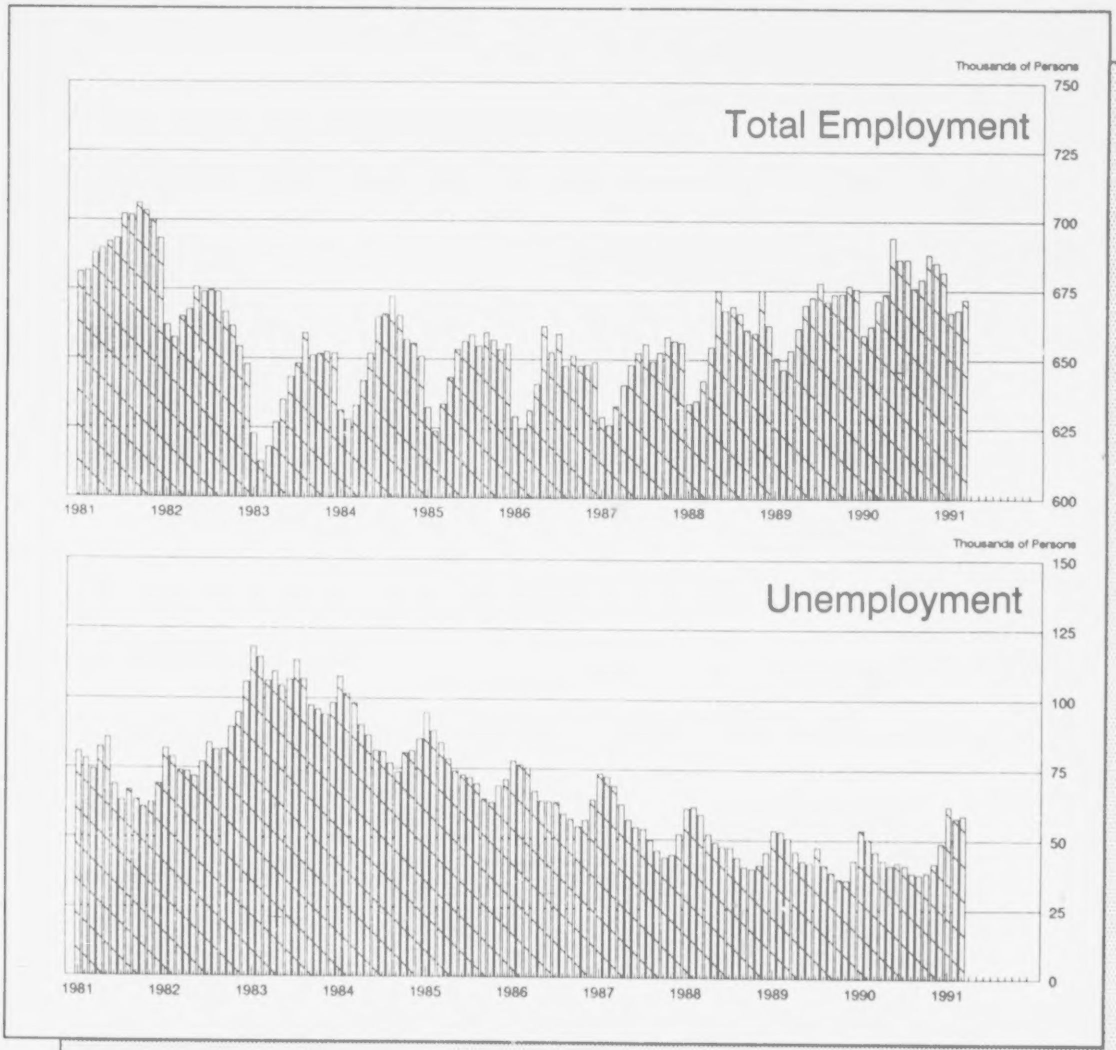

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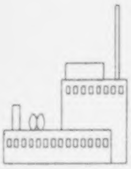
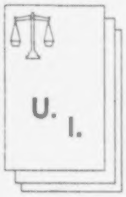
West Virginia Economic Indicators





	March 1991	Feb. 1991	March 1990
Average Weekly Hours in Manufacturing			
Unadjusted	40.2	40.5	40.5
Seasonally Adjusted	40.3	39.8	40.6
Total Production Worker Hours in Manufacturing (000), Weekly, Unadjusted	2,529	2,569	2,712
Average Weekly Earnings in Manufacturing, Unadjusted	$461.90	$467.78	$457.25
Average Weekly Hours in Bituminous Coal Mining, Unadjusted	43.8	44.7	45.4
Average Weekly Earnings in Bituminous Coal Mining, Unadjusted	$802.85	$821.59	$824.01
Coal Production (000 Tons)			
Unadjusted	13,187	12,527	14,570
Seasonally Adjusted	12,792	13,659	14,133
Commercial and Industrial Electric Power Sales (000,000 KWH)			
Unadjusted	1,103	1,159	1,137
Seasonally Adjusted	1,025	1,078	1,057
New Motor Vehicle Registrations, Unadjusted	5,874	3,802	6,732
Interstate Initial Claims			
Unadjusted	1,139	1,334	861
Seasonally Adjusted	1,248	1,240	943
Average Weekly Initial Claims			
Unadjusted	1,777	2,327	1,222
Seasonally Adjusted	1,986	2,042	1,366
Insured Unemployment Rate			
Unadjusted	5.4	5.6	3.5
Seasonally Adjusted	4.2	3.8	2.6
Total Unemployment Rate, Seasonally Adjusted (WV Series)	7.0	6.6	5.5

NOTE: Data for prior month and year may be revised from previously published figures.

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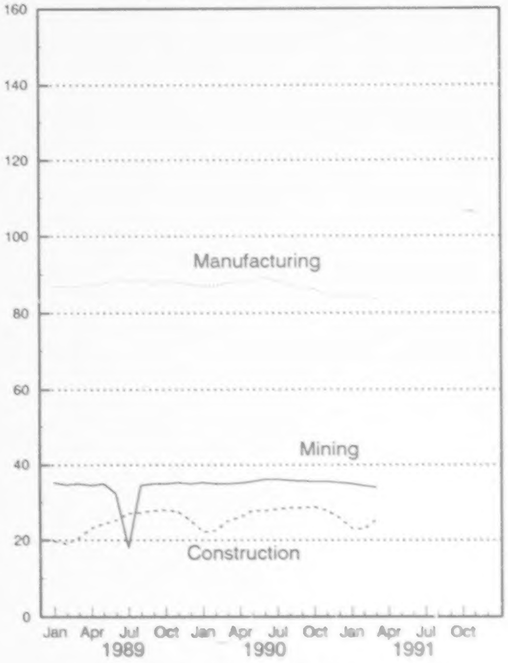
Selected National Data

	March 1991	Feb. 1991	March 1990
Civilian Unemployment Rate			
Unadjusted	7.1	7.2	5.4
Seasonally Adjusted	6.8	6.5	5.3
Consumer Price Index, All Urban Consumers			
Unadjusted			
1982-84 Base	135.0	134.8	128.7
1967 Base	404.3	403.8	385.5
Producer Price Index, Finished Goods Unadjusted, 1982 Base	120.6	121.2	117.2
Initial Claims for Unemployment Insurance (000) Week including 12th, Unadjusted	471.0	497.9	325.5
Insured Unemployment Rate, Week including 12th			
Unadjusted	4.0	3.8	2.8
Seasonally Adjusted	3.3	3.1	2.3

Trends in the West Virginia Labor Market

Goods Producing Employment

Employment in Thousands



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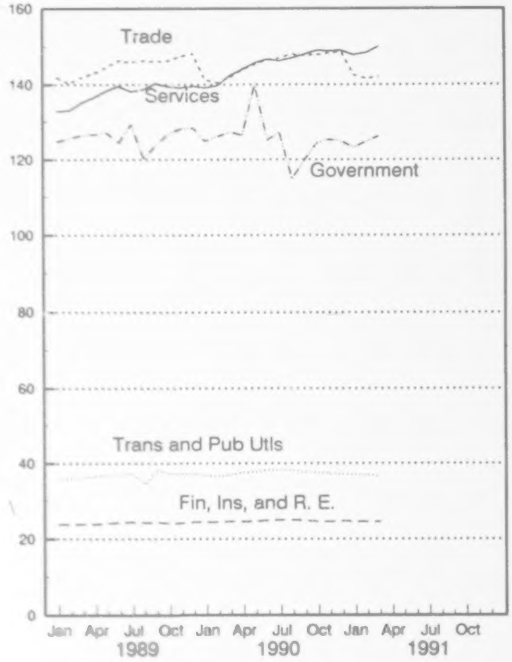

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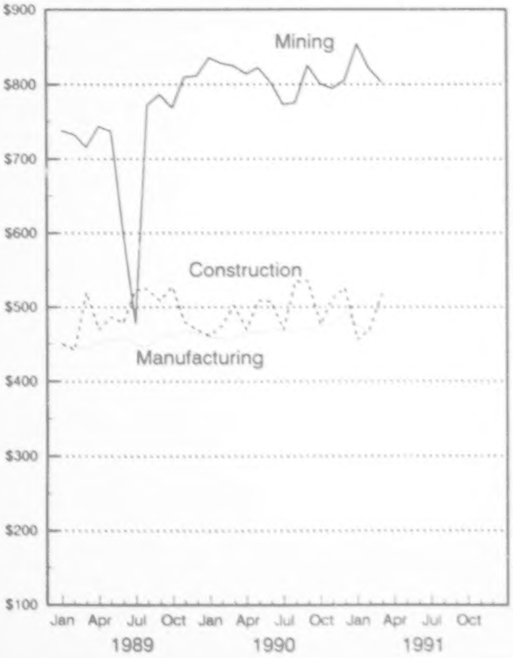

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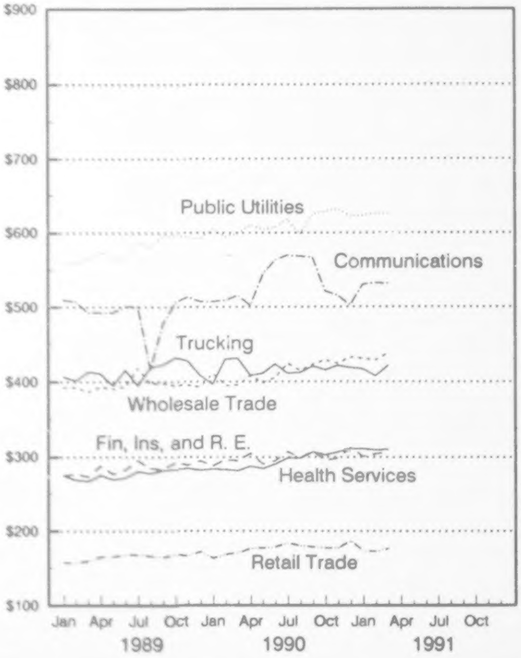
Service Producing Industries



Total Employment, Unemployment, and Civilian Labor Force In West Virginia

WV Series Labor Force Data (In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)	Prelim. Mar.'91	Revised Feb.'91	Revised Mar.'90	Change From: Feb. 1991	Change From: Mar. 1990
Civilian Labor Force	730.7	725.7	717.1	5.0	13.6
Total Employment	671.8	667.9	671.2	3.9	0.6
Total Unemployment	58.9	57.8	45.9	1.1	13.0
Unemployment Rate	8.1	8.0	6.4	XX	XX

BLS Series Labor Force Data (In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)	Prelim. Mar.'91	Revised Feb.'91	Revised Mar.'90	Change From: Feb. 1991	Change From: Mar. 1990
Civilian Labor Force	769.6	771.7	763.3	-2.1	6.3
Total Employment	690.0	691.0	704.3	-1.0	-14.3
Total Unemployment	79.6	80.7	59.0	-1.1	20.6
Unemployment Rate	10.3	10.5	7.7	XX	XX

EMPLOYMENT: Total employment in West Virginia increased 3,900 during the month to an estimated 671,800 in mid-March. This figure is 600 greater than March 1990 employment. While the increase would appear to be good news, employment growth is sluggish compared with either typical March increases or recent year-over-year improvements, reflecting the impact of the national recession.

Nonfarm payroll employment expanded 4,400 to 622,500 in March, led by a healthy seasonal increase of 2,400 in construction. Other goods-producing industries appeared to be feeling recessionary effects, however, as mining employment fell 400 and manufacturing lost 900 jobs. The downturn in manufacturing was due mainly to layoffs in stone, clay and glass, primary metals and transportation equipment.

Service-producing employment fared better, with growth of 3,300 during March. Services gained 1,600, with boosts from educational services' seasonal increase of 700 and business services' 300 advance. Government went up 1,200 due to the seasonal buildup of student workers at state colleges and universities. Trade rose 600, less than half the usual March increase, while transportation and public utilities fell 100. Finance, insurance and real estate employment was unchanged.

Nonfarm payroll jobs this month are 1,500 ahead of last March. Private sector jobs number 2,700 more than in the same month a year ago.

UNEMPLOYMENT: The number of unemployed West Virginians rose 1,100 to a mid-March level of 58,900. This represents an unemployment rate of 8.1 percent, up .1 percent from a revised February rate of 8.0 percent. The current rate is 1.7 percent greater than the March 1990 rate of 6.4 and indicates the effects of the national recession are still being felt in West Virginia.

Average Hours and Earnings, West Virginia Production Workers, Select Industries

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Prelim. Mar.'91	Revised Feb.'91	Revised Mar.'90	Prelim. Mar.'91	Revised Feb.'91	Revised Mar.'90	Prelim. Mar.'91	Revised Feb.'91	Revised Mar.'90
Manufacturing	$461.90	$467.78	$457.25	40.2	40.5	40.5	$11.49	$11.55	$11.29
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	432.74	443.82	427.36	38.5	39.0	39.1	11.24	11.38	10.93
Primary Metals Industries	616.50	647.02	603.48	42.4	43.6	42.8	14.54	14.84	14.10
Fabricated Metal Products	419.00	426.10	411.16	38.3	39.2	38.0	10.94	10.87	10.82
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	479.29	456.30	466.09	41.0	38.9	40.6	11.69	11.73	11.48
Electronic & Electrical Equipment	559.01	557.28	499.28	43.2	43.1	41.4	12.94	12.93	12.06
Chemical & Allied Products	687.72	677.68	680.08	44.0	43.0	43.4	15.63	15.76	15.67
Coal Mining	802.65	821.59	824.01	43.8	44.7	45.4	18.33	18.38	18.15
Construction	517.24	469.92	502.04	37.4	35.2	39.1	13.83	13.35	12.84

Statewide Nonfarm Payroll Employment by Industry

(In Thousands   Not Seasonally Adjusted)

March 1991

				Change From:	
	Prelim. Mar.'91	Revised Feb.'91	Revised Mar.'90	Feb. 1991	Mar. 1990
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	622.5	618.1	621.0	4.4	1.5
PRIVATE SECTOR	496.4	493.2	493.7	3.2	2.7
GOODS PRODUCING	143.0	141.9	147.9	1.1	-4.9
Mining	34.0	34.4	35.0	-0.4	-1.0
Coal Mining	28.7	28.9	29.7	-0.2	-1.0
Oil & Gas Extraction	4.3	4.5	4.3	-0.2	0.0
Other Mining	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0
Construction	25.4	23.0	25.1	2.4	0.3
General Building Contractors	6.4	5.9	6.0	0.5	0.4
Heavy Construction	6.2	5.5	6.3	0.7	-0.1
Special Trade Contractors	12.8	11.6	12.8	1.2	0.0
Manufacturing	83.6	84.5	87.8	-0.9	-4.2
Durable Goods	46.6	47.4	49.7	-0.8	-3.1
Lumber, Wood Products & Furniture	7.2	7.3	7.5	-0.1	-0.3
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	7.6	7.8	7.9	-0.2	-0.3
Primary Metals Industries	13.6	13.8	14.9	-0.2	-1.3
Fabricated Metal Products	5.5	5.6	5.6	-0.1	-0.1
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	5.8	5.8	6.1	0.0	-0.3
Electronic & Electrical Equipment	2.3	2.3	2.7	0.0	-0.4
Transportation Equipment	2.1	2.3	2.5	-0.2	-0.4
Other Durable Goods	2.5	2.5	2.5	0.0	0.0
Nondurable Goods	37.0	37.1	38.1	-0.1	-1.1
Food & Kindred Products	4.2	4.2	4.2	0.0	0.0
Textile Mill Products	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.0	0.0
Apparel & Other Textile Products	4.2	4.2	4.4	0.0	-0.2
Paper & Allied Products	1.1	1.1	1.1	0.0	0.0
Printing & Publishing	4.8	4.8	5.1	0.0	-0.3
Chemical & Allied Products	17.3	17.4	17.9	-0.1	-0.6
Other Nondurable Goods	4.6	4.6	4.6	0.0	0.0
SERVICE PRODUCING	479.5	476.2	473.1	3.3	6.4
Transportation & Public Utilities	36.7	36.8	37.0	-0.1	-0.3
Railroad Transportation	3.7	3.7	3.9	0.0	-0.2
Trucking & Warehousing	8.9	9.0	9.3	-0.1	-0.4
Other Transportation	3.6	3.6	3.4	0.0	0.2
Communications	8.2	8.2	8.0	0.0	0.2
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	12.3	12.3	12.4	0.0	-0.1
Trade	142.1	141.5	141.8	0.6	0.3
Wholesale Trade	29.9	29.8	29.5	0.1	0.4
Retail Trade	112.2	111.7	112.3	0.5	-0.1
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	5.0	4.9	4.6	0.1	0.4
General Merchandise Stores	15.7	15.7	16.4	0.0	-0.7
Food Stores	22.4	22.7	22.0	-0.3	0.4
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	14.3	14.4	14.6	-0.1	-0.3
Apparel & Accessory Stores	5.4	5.4	5.3	0.0	0.1
Home Furniture & Equipment Stores	4.2	4.3	4.5	-0.1	-0.3
Eating & Drinking Places	33.8	32.9	33.6	0.9	0.2
Miscellaneous Retail	11.4	11.4	11.3	0.0	0.1
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	24.6	24.6	24.6	0.0	0.0
Finance	14.1	14.1	14.0	0.0	0.1
Insurance	6.3	6.3	6.6	0.0	-0.3
Real Estate	4.2	4.2	4.0	0.0	0.2
Services	150.0	148.4	142.4	1.6	7.6
Agricultural Services	1.9	1.9	1.7	0.0	0.2
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	8.4	8.4	7.9	0.0	0.5
Personal Services	6.5	6.5	6.5	0.0	0.0
Business Services	14.4	14.1	13.8	0.3	0.6
Automotive & Miscellaneous Repair Services	6.3	6.2	6.1	0.1	0.2
Amusements, incl. Motion Pictures	5.3	5.1	5.0	0.2	0.3
Health Services	57.1	57.0	53.9	0.1	3.2
Nursing & Personal Care Homes	10.6	10.6	9.8	0.0	0.8
Hospitals	28.6	28.5	27.4	0.1	1.2
Other Health Services	17.9	17.9	16.7	0.0	1.2
Legal Services	4.1	4.1	3.8	0.0	0.3
Educational Services	6.2	5.5	6.3	0.7	-0.1
Social Services	10.8	10.7	9.0	0.1	1.8
Membership Organizations	19.6	19.6	19.4	0.0	0.2
Engineering & Management Services	8.6	8.5	8.2	0.1	0.4
Other Services	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.0	0.0
Government	126.1	124.9	127.3	1.2	-1.2
Federal	16.0	15.9	17.2	0.1	-1.2
Hospitals	3.0	3.0	2.9	0.0	0.1
U S Postal Service	5.1	5.0	5.1	0.1	0.0
Other Federal	7.9	7.9	9.2	0.0	-1.3
State	39.1	37.9	39.4	1.2	-0.3
Hospitals	2.4	2.4	3.0	0.0	-0.6
Education	18.1	17.0	17.8	1.1	0.3
Other State	18.6	18.5	18.6	0.1	0.0
Local	71.0	71.1	70.7	-0.1	0.3
Hospitals	5.0	5.0	4.8	0.0	0.2
Education	45.9	45.9	46.0	0.0	-0.1
Other Local	20.1	20.2	19.9	-0.1	0.2
Labor-Management Dispute Status	1.9	1.9	0.5	xx	xx

Women Workers
Statewide Nonfarm Payroll Employment by Industry

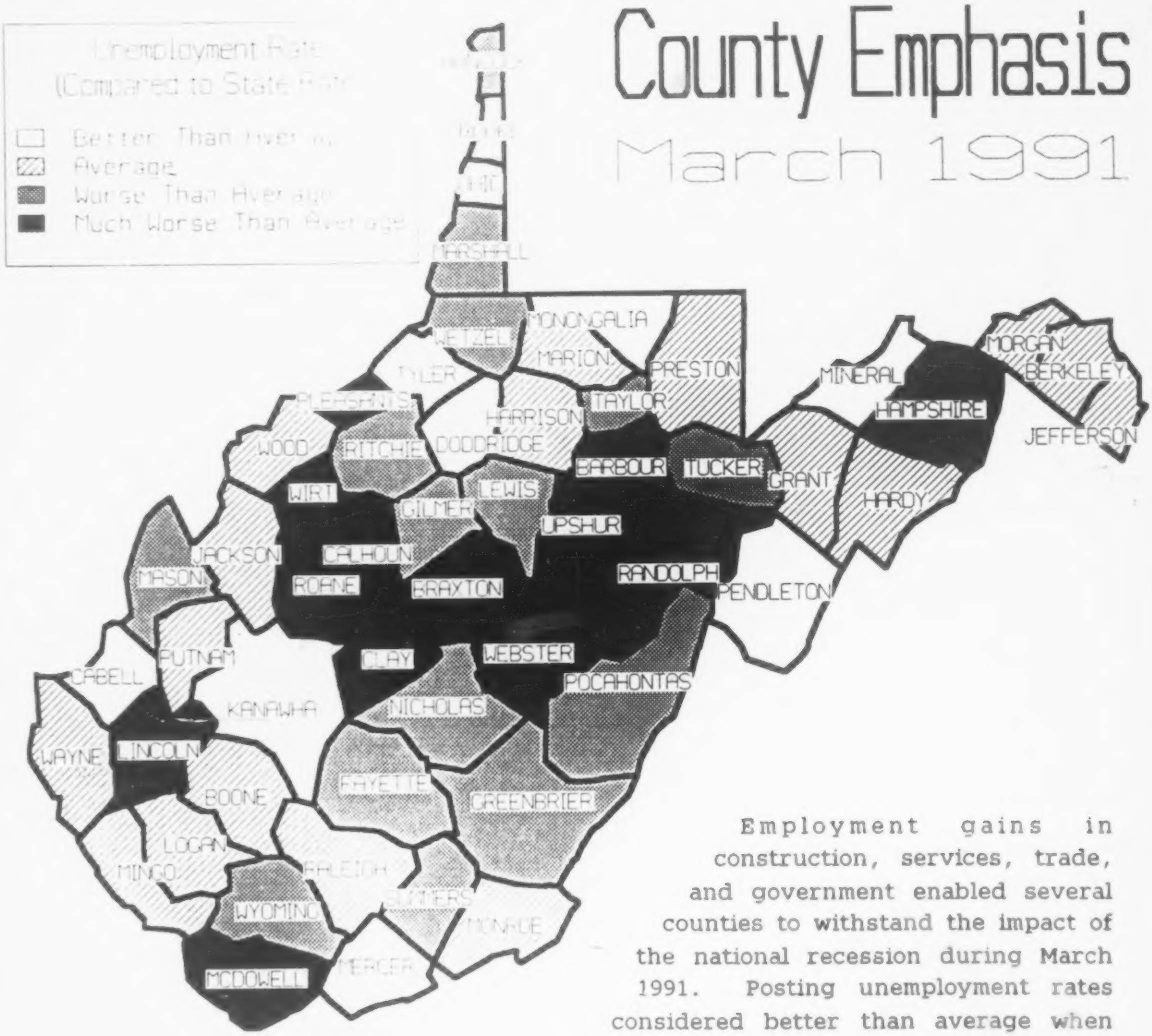
(In Thousands Not Seasonally Adjusted)

March 1991

	Prelim. Mar.'91	Revised Feb.'91	Revised Mar.'90	Change From: Feb. 1991	Change From: Mar. 1990
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	276.4	274.4	264.5	2.0	11.9
PRIVATE SECTOR	209.7	208.3	200.4	1.4	9.3
GOODS PRODUCING	24.1	24.1	24.7	0.0	-0.6
Mining	2.0	2.0	2.2	0.0	-0.2
Coal Mining	1.1	1.1	1.2	0.0	-0.1
Oil & Gas Extraction	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.0	-0.1
Construction	2.4	2.2	2.2	0.2	0.2
General Building Contractors	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.0	0.0
Heavy Construction	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.0	0.0
Special Trade Contractors	1.5	1.3	1.3	0.2	0.2
Manufacturing	19.7	19.9	20.3	-0.2	-0.6
Durable Goods	7.7	7.8	8.0	-0.1	-0.3
Lumber, Wood Products & Furniture	0.8	0.7	0.8	0.1	0.0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	2.3	2.3	2.4	0.0	-0.1
Primary Metals Industries	1.1	1.1	1.1	0.0	0.0
Fabricated Metal Products	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.0	0.0
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	0.7	0.8	0.8	-0.1	-0.1
Electronic & Electrical Equipment	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.0	-0.1
Transportation Equipment	0.3	0.4	0.4	-0.1	-0.1
Other Durable Goods	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.0	0.1
Nondurable Goods	12.0	12.1	12.3	-0.1	-0.3
Food & Kindred Products	1.0	1.0	1.1	0.0	-0.1
Textile Mill Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.0	0.0
Apparel & Other Textile Products	3.5	3.6	3.6	-0.1	-0.1
Paper & Allied Products	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.0	0.0
Printing & Publishing	1.8	1.8	1.9	0.0	-0.1
Chemical & Allied Products	3.0	3.0	3.0	0.0	0.0
Other Nondurable Goods	1.8	1.8	1.8	0.0	0.0
SERVICE PRODUCING	252.3	250.3	239.8	2.0	12.5
Transportation & Public Utilities	7.9	7.9	7.7	0.0	0.2
Trucking & Warehousing	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.0	-0.1
Other Transportation	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.0	0.1
Communications	3.6	3.6	3.5	0.0	0.1
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	2.4	2.4	2.3	0.0	0.1
Trade	65.5	65.5	62.4	0.0	3.1
Wholesale Trade	5.7	5.6	5.3	0.1	0.4
Retail Trade	59.8	59.9	57.1	-0.1	2.7
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.0	0.1
General Merchandise Stores	10.6	10.6	10.1	0.0	0.5
Food Stores	11.6	11.8	10.5	-0.2	1.1
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	3.4	3.4	3.1	0.0	0.3
Apparel & Accessory Stores	4.4	4.5	4.3	-0.1	0.1
Home Furniture & Equipment Stores	1.5	1.6	1.5	-0.1	0.0
Eating & Drinking Places	19.5	19.2	18.5	0.3	1.0
Miscellaneous Retail	7.9	7.9	8.3	0.0	-0.4
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	15.3	15.4	15.4	-0.1	-0.1
Finance	10.9	11.1	10.5	-0.2	0.4
Insurance	2.8	2.8	3.2	0.0	-0.4
Real Estate	1.6	1.5	1.7	0.1	-0.1
Services	96.9	95.4	90.2	1.5	6.7
Agricultural Services	0.7	0.8	0.6	-0.1	0.1
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	4.4	4.4	4.0	0.0	0.4
Personal Services	4.2	4.2	3.5	0.0	0.7
Business Services	7.1	6.9	6.4	0.2	0.7
Automotive & Miscellaneous Repair Services	1.1	1.1	1.3	0.0	-0.2
Amusements, incl. Motion Pictures	2.5	2.4	2.3	0.1	0.2
Health Services	47.2	46.4	44.1	0.8	3.1
Nursing & Personal Care Homes	9.5	9.4	8.2	0.1	1.3
Hospitals	23.7	23.0	22.5	0.7	1.2
Other Health Services	14.0	14.0	13.4	0.0	0.6
Legal Services	3.3	3.3	3.1	0.0	0.2
Educational Services	3.5	3.1	3.6	0.4	-0.1
Social Services	8.0	7.7	6.2	0.3	1.8
Membership Organizations	11.3	11.6	11.5	-0.3	-0.2
Engineering & Management Services	3.1	3.0	3.1	0.1	0.0
Government	66.7	66.1	64.1	0.6	2.6
Federal	6.8	6.9	7.6	-0.1	-0.8
Hospitals	1.7	1.7	1.6	0.0	0.1
U S Postal Service	1.4	1.4	1.3	0.0	0.1
Other Federal	3.7	3.8	4.7	-0.1	-1.0
State	19.0	18.5	17.9	0.5	1.1
Hospitals	1.7	1.7	2.0	0.0	-0.3
Education	9.5	8.9	8.4	0.6	1.1
Other State	7.8	7.9	7.5	-0.1	0.3
Local	40.9	40.7	38.6	0.2	2.3
Hospitals	4.2	4.2	4.0	0.0	0.2
Education	29.8	29.6	28.0	0.2	1.8
Other Local	6.9	6.9	6.6	0.0	0.3

County Emphasis

March 1991


Unemployment Rate
(Compared to State Rate)
☐ Better Than Average
▨ Average
▩ Worse Than Average
■ Much Worse Than Average
HANCOCK
BROOKE
OHIO
MARSHALL
WETZEL
MONONGALIA
MARION
PRESTON
TYLER
PLEASANTS
TAYLOR
HARRISON
WOOD
RITCHIE
DODDRIDGE
BARBOUR
TUCKER
WIRT
GILMER
LEWIS
UPSHUR
JACKSON
CALHOUN
MASON
ROANE
BRAXTON
RANDOLPH
PENDLETON
MINERAL
HAMPSHIRE
MORGAN
BERKELEY
JEFFERSON
GRANT
HARDY
CABELL
PUTNAM
CLAY
WEBSTER
POCAHONTAS
KANAWHA
NICHOLAS
WAYNE
LINCOLN
BOONE
FAYETTE
GREENBRIER
LOGAN
MINGO
RALEIGH
WYOMING
SUMMERS
MONROE
MCDOWELL
MERCER

Employment gains in construction, services, trade, and government enabled several counties to withstand the impact of the national recession during March 1991. Posting unemployment rates considered better than average when compared to the state rate are Mercer (6.7), Tyler (6.7), Brooke (6.2), Doddridge (5.8), Ohio (5.8), Kanawha (5.7), Cabell (5.4), Mineral (5.4), Pendleton (5.4), and Monongalia (3.7).

Conversely, declining employment within the manufacturing and mining industries contributed to unemployment rates categorized as much worse than average in other counties. Included in this category are Lincoln (12.2), Randolph (12.3), Webster (12.8), Braxton (13.2), Upshur (13.5), Clay (14.0), McDowell (14.4), Hampshire (14.4), Barbour (14.8), Pleasants (15.0), Wirt (15.5), Roane (15.6), and Calhoun (20.3).

West Virginia Labor Force Statistics by County

*(WV Series Labor Force Data -- as calculated by the WV Bureau of Employment Programs)**

March 1991
(Revised February 1991 in parentheses)

THESE LABOR FORCE STATISTICS WERE DESIGNED TO BE USED FOR ECONOMIC ANALYSIS

County	Civilian Labor Force		Employment		Unemployment		Unemployment As Percent of Civilian Labor Force	
Barbour	4,880	(4,870)	4,160	(4,090)	720	(780)	14.8	(16.0)
Berkeley	28,220	(27,840)	25,650	(25,590)	2,580	(2,260)	9.1	(8.1)
Boone	8,160	(8,120)	7,540	(7,520)	620	(610)	7.6	(7.5)
Braxton	5,350	(5,520)	4,650	(4,810)	710	(710)	13.2	(12.9)
Brooke	10,230	(10,090)	9,600	(9,460)	630	(630)	6.2	(6.2)
Cabell	42,980	(42,600)	40,670	(40,310)	2,310	(2,290)	5.4	(5.4)
Calhoun	2,850	(2,880)	2,270	(2,260)	580	(620)	20.3	(21.6)
Clay	3,070	(3,090)	2,640	(2,640)	430	(440)	14.0	(14.4)
Doddridge	2,240	(2,250)	2,110	(2,100)	130	(160)	5.8	(7.0)
Fayette	15,800	(15,490)	14,100	(13,810)	1,700	(1,680)	10.8	(10.9)
Gilmer	3,060	(2,930)	2,750	(2,630)	310	(300)	10.2	(10.1)
Grant	4,620	(4,680)	4,210	(4,220)	410	(470)	8.9	(9.9)
Greenbrier	14,610	(14,560)	12,960	(12,830)	1,650	(1,740)	11.3	(11.9)
Hampshire	7,290	(7,030)	6,240	(6,190)	1,050	(840)	14.4	(11.9)
Hancock	14,150	(13,530)	12,860	(12,670)	1,300	(860)	9.2	(6.4)
Hardy	5,750	(5,900)	5,290	(5,410)	470	(490)	8.1	(8.3)
Harrison	28,060	(28,100)	25,800	(25,680)	2,260	(2,420)	8.0	(8.6)
Jackson	9,900	(9,820)	9,000	(8,970)	900	(850)	9.1	(8.7)
Jefferson	20,330	(19,820)	18,860	(18,510)	1,470	(1,310)	7.2	(6.6)
Kanawha	96,350	(95,450)	90,870	(90,190)	5,480	(5,260)	5.7	(5.5)
Lewis	7,050	(7,090)	6,360	(6,380)	690	(710)	9.8	(10.0)
Lincoln	7,490	(7,550)	6,580	(6,620)	910	(940)	12.2	(12.4)
Logan	13,300	(13,240)	12,220	(12,230)	1,090	(1,010)	8.2	(7.6)
McDowell	6,580	(6,510)	5,630	(5,580)	950	(930)	14.4	(14.3)
Marion	21,770	(21,570)	20,030	(19,880)	1,740	(1,690)	8.0	(7.8)
Marshall	14,530	(14,540)	13,110	(13,080)	1,410	(1,460)	9.7	(10.0)
Mason	9,720	(9,740)	8,720	(8,700)	1,000	(1,040)	10.2	(10.7)
Mercer	25,660	(25,560)	23,950	(23,850)	1,710	(1,710)	6.7	(6.7)
Mineral	10,410	(10,270)	9,840	(9,710)	570	(560)	5.4	(5.5)
Mingo	10,940	(10,970)	10,100	(10,110)	830	(870)	7.6	(7.9)
Monongalia	39,320	(39,040)	37,860	(37,630)	1,470	(1,410)	3.7	(3.6)
Monroe	4,960	(4,950)	4,570	(4,520)	390	(430)	7.9	(8.6)
Morgan	5,160	(5,070)	4,720	(4,670)	430	(390)	8.4	(7.8)
Nicholas	8,590	(8,540)	7,620	(7,590)	970	(950)	11.2	(11.1)
Ohio	23,590	(23,470)	22,220	(22,170)	1,370	(1,310)	5.8	(5.6)
Pendleton	3,870	(3,830)	3,660	(3,610)	210	(230)	5.4	(5.9)
Pleasants	2,300	(2,340)	1,960	(1,960)	350	(380)	15.0	(16.3)
Pocahontas	4,940	(5,240)	4,410	(4,750)	530	(500)	10.6	(9.5)
Preston	12,900	(12,750)	11,790	(11,720)	1,110	(1,020)	8.6	(8.0)
Putnam	16,470	(16,420)	15,240	(15,130)	1,220	(1,290)	7.4	(7.8)
Raleigh	27,280	(27,090)	24,990	(24,870)	2,290	(2,220)	8.4	(8.2)
Randolph	11,430	(11,370)	10,020	(9,990)	1,410	(1,370)	12.3	(12.1)
Ritchie	5,170	(5,220)	4,600	(4,610)	570	(610)	11.1	(11.6)
Roane	4,940	(4,900)	4,170	(4,130)	770	(770)	15.6	(15.7)
Summers	4,070	(4,080)	3,600	(3,540)	470	(540)	11.6	(13.3)
Taylor	5,610	(5,600)	5,060	(5,030)	550	(570)	9.9	(10.1)
Tucker	3,640	(3,580)	3,310	(3,270)	340	(320)	9.2	(8.8)
Tyler	4,740	(4,740)	4,420	(4,400)	320	(330)	6.7	(7.0)
Upshur	8,380	(8,240)	7,250	(7,190)	1,130	(1,050)	13.5	(12.7)
Wayne	15,870	(15,680)	14,590	(14,460)	1,280	(1,220)	8.1	(7.8)
Webster	2,870	(2,910)	2,500	(2,490)	370	(420)	12.8	(14.3)
Wetzel	9,530	(9,510)	8,640	(8,610)	890	(900)	9.3	(9.5)
Wirt	2,210	(2,210)	1,870	(1,850)	340	(350)	15.5	(16.0)
Wood	40,690	(40,490)	37,760	(37,530)	2,930	(2,960)	7.2	(7.3)
Wyoming	6,820	(6,840)	6,180	(6,150)	630	(680)	9.3	(10.0)
Statewide	730,700	(725,700)	671,800	(667,900)	58,900	(57,800)	8.1	(8.0)

All data have been revised to March 1990 benchmark.

*The West Virginia Bureau of Employment Programs and the U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics use different methodologies in calculating the unemployment rate.

West Virginia Labor Force Statistics by County

*(BLS Series Labor Force Data -Using U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics Methodology)**

March 1991
(Revised February 1991 in parentheses)

APPROVED BY THE U. S. BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS TO ALLOCATE FEDERAL FUNDS AND DETERMINE ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

County	Civilian Labor Force		Employment		Unemployment		Unemployment As Percent of Civilian Labor Force	
Barbour	5,250	(5,330)	4,270	(4,230)	980	(1,090)	18.6	(20.5)
Berkeley	29,820	(29,620)	26,340	(26,470)	3,480	(3,150)	11.7	(10.6)
Boone	8,580	(8,620)	7,750	(7,780)	840	(850)	9.8	(9.8)
Braxton	5,730	(5,970)	4,770	(4,980)	960	(990)	16.7	(16.6)
Brooke	10,720	(10,660)	9,860	(9,780)	860	(880)	8.0	(8.2)
Cabell	44,900	(44,900)	41,770	(41,710)	3,120	(3,190)	7.0	(7.1)
Calhoun	3,120	(3,200)	2,340	(2,330)	780	(870)	25.1	(27.0)
Clay	3,300	(3,360)	2,710	(2,740)	580	(620)	17.7	(18.5)
Doddridge	2,340	(2,390)	2,160	(2,170)	180	(220)	7.5	(9.2)
Fayette	16,780	(16,630)	14,480	(14,290)	2,300	(2,350)	13.7	(14.1)
Gilmer	3,240	(3,140)	2,820	(2,720)	420	(420)	13.0	(13.2)
Grant	4,880	(5,010)	4,320	(4,360)	550	(650)	11.3	(13.0)
Greenbrier	15,540	(15,690)	13,310	(13,270)	2,230	(2,420)	14.4	(15.4)
Hampshire	7,830	(7,580)	6,410	(6,410)	1,420	(1,170)	18.2	(15.5)
Hancock	14,960	(14,310)	13,200	(13,110)	1,750	(1,200)	11.7	(8.4)
Hardy	6,060	(6,280)	5,430	(5,590)	630	(680)	10.4	(10.9)
Harrison	29,550	(29,950)	26,500	(26,570)	3,050	(3,380)	10.3	(11.3)
Jackson	10,460	(10,470)	9,240	(9,280)	1,220	(1,190)	11.6	(11.3)
Jefferson	21,360	(20,970)	19,370	(19,150)	1,990	(1,820)	9.3	(8.7)
Kanawha	100,730	(100,660)	93,340	(93,310)	7,400	(7,350)	7.3	(7.3)
Lewis	7,460	(7,590)	6,530	(6,600)	930	(990)	12.4	(13.0)
Lincoln	7,990	(8,150)	6,760	(6,850)	1,240	(1,310)	15.5	(16.0)
Logan	14,020	(14,070)	12,550	(12,660)	1,470	(1,410)	10.5	(10.0)
McDowell	7,060	(7,070)	5,780	(5,770)	1,280	(1,300)	18.1	(18.4)
Marion	22,930	(22,920)	20,570	(20,570)	2,350	(2,360)	10.3	(10.3)
Marshall	15,380	(15,570)	13,470	(13,540)	1,910	(2,040)	12.4	(13.1)
Mason	10,300	(10,450)	8,960	(9,000)	1,340	(1,450)	13.0	(13.9)
Mercer	26,910	(27,060)	24,600	(24,670)	2,310	(2,390)	8.6	(8.8)
Mineral	10,870	(10,830)	10,110	(10,050)	770	(780)	7.0	(7.2)
Mingo	11,500	(11,670)	10,380	(10,460)	1,130	(1,210)	9.8	(10.4)
Monongalia	40,860	(40,910)	38,880	(38,930)	1,980	(1,970)	4.8	(4.8)
Monroe	5,220	(5,270)	4,690	(4,680)	530	(600)	10.1	(11.3)
Morgan	5,440	(5,380)	4,850	(4,830)	590	(550)	10.8	(10.2)
Nicholas	9,140	(9,180)	7,830	(7,860)	1,310	(1,330)	14.3	(14.4)
Ohio	24,670	(24,760)	22,820	(22,940)	1,850	(1,820)	7.5	(7.4)
Pendleton	4,040	(4,040)	3,760	(3,730)	280	(310)	6.9	(7.8)
Pleasants	2,480	(2,560)	2,010	(2,030)	470	(530)	18.9	(20.8)
Pocahontas	5,250	(5,600)	4,530	(4,910)	710	(690)	13.6	(12.4)
Preston	13,610	(13,560)	12,110	(12,130)	1,500	(1,430)	11.0	(10.5)
Putnam	17,310	(17,450)	15,660	(15,650)	1,650	(1,800)	9.5	(10.3)
Raleigh	28,760	(28,830)	25,670	(25,730)	3,090	(3,100)	10.7	(10.8)
Randolph	12,200	(12,260)	10,300	(10,340)	1,910	(1,920)	15.6	(15.6)
Ritchie	5,500	(5,620)	4,720	(4,770)	770	(840)	14.1	(15.0)
Roane	5,330	(5,340)	4,280	(4,270)	1,040	(1,070)	19.6	(20.1)
Summers	4,330	(4,420)	3,690	(3,660)	640	(760)	14.8	(17.2)
Taylor	5,940	(6,000)	5,190	(5,210)	750	(790)	12.6	(13.2)
Tucker	3,850	(3,820)	3,400	(3,380)	450	(440)	11.8	(11.5)
Tyler	4,970	(5,020)	4,540	(4,560)	430	(460)	8.7	(9.2)
Upshur	8,970	(8,900)	7,450	(7,440)	1,530	(1,460)	17.0	(16.4)
Wayne	16,720	(16,660)	14,990	(14,960)	1,730	(1,700)	10.4	(10.2)
Webster	3,060	(3,160)	2,570	(2,580)	500	(580)	16.2	(18.4)
Wetzel	10,070	(10,170)	8,870	(8,910)	1,200	(1,260)	11.9	(12.4)
Wirt	2,390	(2,410)	1,920	(1,920)	460	(490)	19.4	(20.4)
Wood	42,750	(42,960)	38,790	(38,830)	3,960	(4,130)	9.3	(9.6)
Wyoming	7,210	(7,320)	6,350	(6,370)	860	(950)	11.9	(13.0)
Statewide	769,600	(771,700)	690,000	(691,000)	79,600	(80,700)	10.3	(10.5)

All data have been revised to March 1990 benchmark.

*Calculated according to Current Population Survey adjusted to BLS procedures.

West Virginia Labor Force Statistics by Local Area

WV Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Mar.'91	Revised Feb.'91	Revised Mar.'90
Charleston MSA			
Labor Force	112.8	111.9	112.1
Employment	106.1	105.3	106.7
Unemployment	6.7	6.5	5.4
Rate (%)	5.9	5.9	4.8
Huntington - Ashland - Ironton MSA			
Labor Force	128.8	127.4	123.1
Employment	120.3	119.3	117.7
Unemployment	8.4	8.1	5.3
Rate (%)	6.6	6.4	4.3
Parkersburg - Marietta MSA			
Labor Force	69.4	69.2	68.1
Employment	65.0	64.6	65.1
Unemployment	4.4	4.6	2.9
Rate (%)	6.4	6.7	4.3
Wheeling - Bridgeport MSA			
Labor Force	68.0	67.9	67.3
Employment	63.5	63.4	64.5
Unemployment	4.4	4.5	2.7
Rate (%)	6.5	6.6	4.1
Clarksburg LMA			
Labor Force	35.9	36.0	35.5
Employment	33.0	32.8	33.1
Unemployment	2.9	3.1	2.3
Rate (%)	8.2	8.8	6.6
Gauley LMA			
Labor Force	11.5	11.5	11.5
Employment	10.1	10.1	10.1
Unemployment	1.3	1.4	1.4
Rate (%)	11.6	11.9	11.9
Morgantown - Kingwood LMA			
Labor Force	52.2	51.8	49.1
Employment	49.7	49.4	47.4
Unemployment	2.6	2.4	1.7
Rate (%)	4.9	4.7	3.5
New Martinsville LMA			
Labor Force	14.3	14.2	13.8
Employment	13.1	13.0	12.8
Unemployment	1.2	1.2	0.9
Rate (%)	8.4	8.7	6.8
Ronceverte - White Sulphur Springs LMA			
Labor Force	19.6	19.5	19.8
Employment	17.5	17.3	17.9
Unemployment	2.0	2.2	1.8
Rate (%)	10.4	11.1	9.3

BLS Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Mar.'91	Revised Feb.'91	Revised Mar.'90
Charleston MSA			
Labor Force	118.0	118.1	118.9
Employment	109.0	109.0	111.9
Unemployment	9.0	9.1	7.0
Rate (%)	7.7	7.7	5.9
Huntington - Ashland - Ironton MSA			
Labor Force	134.7	133.2	130.2
Employment	121.7	120.8	121.4
Unemployment	13.0	12.4	8.8
Rate (%)	9.7	9.3	6.7
Parkersburg - Marietta MSA			
Labor Force	72.8	72.9	72.3
Employment	66.4	66.2	67.7
Unemployment	6.4	6.7	4.7
Rate (%)	8.8	9.2	6.4
Wheeling - Bridgeport MSA			
Labor Force	71.3	71.4	71.5
Employment	64.9	64.9	67.0
Unemployment	6.4	6.5	4.5
Rate (%)	9.0	9.1	6.3
Clarksburg LMA			
Labor Force	37.8	38.3	37.8
Employment	33.9	33.9	34.8
Unemployment	4.0	4.4	3.0
Rate (%)	10.5	11.5	8.0
Gauley LMA			
Labor Force	12.2	12.3	12.4
Employment	10.4	10.4	10.6
Unemployment	1.8	1.9	1.8
Rate (%)	14.7	15.4	14.2
Morgantown - Kingwood LMA			
Labor Force	54.5	54.5	52.0
Employment	51.0	51.1	49.7
Unemployment	3.5	3.4	2.2
Rate (%)	6.4	6.3	4.3
New Martinsville LMA			
Labor Force	15.0	15.2	14.6
Employment	13.4	13.5	13.4
Unemployment	1.6	1.7	1.2
Rate (%)	10.8	11.4	8.3
Ronceverte - White Sulphur Springs LMA			
Labor Force	20.8	21.0	21.2
Employment	18.0	17.9	18.8
Unemployment	2.8	3.0	2.4
Rate (%)	13.3	14.4	11.1

Charleston Metropolitan Statistical Area

(Counties of Kanawha and Putnam, West Virginia)

HIGHLIGHTS

EMPLOYMENT: Nonfarm payroll employment increased by 800 during March 1991 in the Charleston Metropolitan Statistical Area. Goods-producing industries recorded only a slight increase of 100, while the service-producing sector advanced by 700. Retail trade posted the largest increase (+400) over the month. Comparison with year-ago March 1990 figures indicates an increase of 900 jobs, totally in the service producing sector (+1,500). Services (+1,100) and retail trade (+400) led the over-the-year advance. The goods-producing industries fell by 600, due in part to an on-going labor-management dispute in the local chemical industry.

UNEMPLOYMENT: Total unemployment increased slightly (+200) during March 1991 in the Charleston MSA. The MSA unemployment rate remained unchanged at 5.9 percent of the civilian labor force. Comparison with year-ago data indicates a substantial increase of 1,300 unemployed locally, a likely result of the national recession. The MSA unemployment rate showed a corresponding increase from 4.8 to 5.9 percent.

WV Series Labor Force Data
(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Mar.'91	Revised Feb.'91	Revised Mar.'90
Labor Force	112.8	111.9	112.1
Employment	106.1	105.3	106.7
Unemployment	6.7	6.5	5.4
Rate (%)	5.9	5.9	4.8

BLS Series Labor Force Data
(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Mar.'91	Revised Feb.'91	Revised Mar.'90
Labor Force	118.0	118.1	118.9
Employment	109.0	109.0	111.9
Unemployment	9.0	9.1	7.0
Rate (%)	7.7	7.7	5.9

NONFARM PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

	Prelim. Mar.'91	Revised Feb.'91	Revised Mar.'90	Change From: Feb. 1991	Mar. 1990
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	111.2	110.4	110.3	0.8	0.9
PRIVATE SECTOR	91.3	90.6	90.1	0.7	1.2
GOODS PRODUCING	16.8	16.7	17.4	0.1	0.6
Mining	2.1	2.1	2.1	0.0	0.0
Construction	4.2	4.0	4.4	0.2	0.2
Manufacturing	10.5	10.6	10.9	-0.1	-0.4
Durable Goods	1.7	1.8	1.7	-0.1	0.0
Nondurable Goods	8.8	8.8	9.2	0.0	-0.4
Chemical & Allied Products	7.4	7.4	7.8	0.0	-0.4
Other Nondurable Goods	1.4	1.4	1.4	0.0	0.0
SERVICE PRODUCING	94.4	93.7	92.9	0.7	1.5
Transportation & Public Utilities	9.0	9.0	8.8	0.0	0.2
Trade	29.0	28.6	28.5	0.4	0.5
Wholesale Trade	7.2	7.2	7.1	0.0	0.1
Retail Trade	21.8	21.4	21.4	0.4	0.4
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	6.6	6.5	6.6	0.1	0.0
Services	29.9	29.8	28.8	0.1	1.1
Health Services	10.7	10.6	10.6	0.1	0.1
Government	19.9	19.8	20.2	0.1	-0.3
Federal	1.7	1.7	1.9	0.0	-0.2
State	9.7	9.5	9.7	0.2	0.0
Local	8.5	8.6	8.6	-0.1	-0.1
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.3	0.3	0.1	XX	XX

Average Hours and Earnings of Production Workers in Manufacturing

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Prelim. Mar.'91	Revised Feb.'91	Revised Mar.'90	Prelim. Mar.'91	Revised Feb.'91	Revised Mar.'90	Prelim. Mar.'91	Revised Feb.'91	Revised Mar.'90
Manufacturing	$601.92	$589.61	$594.80	44.0	43.1	43.8	$13.68	$13.68	$13.58
Nondurable Goods	639.30	630.52	626.53	44.8	44.0	43.6	14.27	14.33	14.37
Chemical & Allied Products	722.92	710.24	710.28	46.7	46.0	44.7	15.48	15.44	15.89

Huntington-Ashland-Ironton Metropolitan Statistical Area

(Counties of Cabell and Wayne, West Virginia;
Boyd, Carter and Greenup, Kentucky; Lawrence, Ohio)

HIGHLIGHTS

EMPLOYMENT: Nonfarm payroll employment in the Huntington MSA increased by 1,000 during March 1991. Employment in the goods-producing sector remained unchanged, while the service-producing sector gained employment in every industry with the exception of finance, insurance and real estate which held at the previous level. March 1991 nonfarm payroll employment was 2,100 ahead of March 1990. The over-the-year advance occurred in the service-producing sector (+2,300), particularly in services (+1,400) and transportation and public utilities (+800). The goods-producing sector fell by 200 over the year.

UNEMPLOYMENT: The number of unemployed increased by 300 during March to 8,400. The current March unemployment level is 3,100 higher than during March 1990. The unemployment rate in March increased to 6.6 percent of the civilian labor force. Over the year the MSA employment rate rose from 4.3 percent to 6.6 percent.

WV Series Labor Force Data
(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Mar.'91	Revised Feb.'91	Revised Mar.'90
Labor Force	128.8	127.4	123.1
Employment	120.3	119.3	117.7
Unemployment	8.4	8.1	5.3
Rate (%)	6.6	6.4	4.3

BLS Series Labor Force Data
(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Mar.'91	Revised Feb.'91	Revised Mar.'90
Labor Force	134.7	133.2	130.2
Employment	121.7	120.8	121.4
Unemployment	13.0	12.4	8.8
Rate (%)	9.7	9.3	6.7

NONFARM PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

—	Prelim. Mar.'91	Revised Feb.'91	Revised Mar.'90	Change From: Feb. 1991	Mar. 1990
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	111.9	110.9	109.8	1.0	2.1
PRIVATE SECTOR	92.2	91.5	89.8	0.7	2.4
GOODS PRODUCING	26.1	26.1	26.3	0.0	-0.2
Mining	1.5	1.5	1.5	0.0	0.0
Construction	5.0	4.8	4.8	0.2	0.2
Manufacturing	19.6	19.8	20.0	-0.2	-0.4
Durable Goods	11.8	11.9	12.1	-0.1	-0.3
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	1.6	1.6	1.6	0.0	0.0
Primary & Fabricated Metal Products	7.4	7.5	7.7	-0.1	-0.3
Other Durable Goods	2.8	2.8	2.8	0.0	0.0
Nondurable Goods	7.8	7.9	7.9	-0.1	-0.1
Apparel & Other Textile Products	1.5	1.5	1.6	0.0	-0.1
Chemicals & Petroleum	4.1	4.1	4.0	0.0	0.1
Other Nondurable Goods	2.2	2.3	2.3	-0.1	-0.1
SERVICE PRODUCING	85.8	84.8	83.5	1.0	2.3
Transportation & Public Utilities	8.2	8.0	7.4	0.2	0.8
Trade	28.0	27.8	27.7	0.2	0.3
Wholesale Trade	5.5	5.5	5.5	0.0	0.0
Retail Trade	22.5	22.3	22.2	0.2	0.3
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	3.9	3.9	3.8	0.0	0.1
Services	26.0	25.7	24.6	0.3	1.4
Health Services	10.8	10.7	10.4	0.1	0.4
Government	19.7	19.4	20.0	0.3	-0.3
Federal	2.9	2.8	3.1	0.1	-0.2
State	5.0	4.9	5.0	0.1	0.0
Local	11.8	11.7	11.9	0.1	-0.1
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.0	XX	XX

Average Hours and Earnings of Production Workers in Manufacturing

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Prelim. Mar.'91	Revised Feb.'91	Revised Mar.'90	Prelim. Mar.'91	Revised Feb.'91	Revised Mar.'90	Prelim. Mar.'91	Revised Feb.'91	Revised Mar.'90
Manufacturing	$523.71	$520.08	$542.34	39.2	39.4	41.4	$13.36	$13.20	$13.10
Durable Goods	526.85	533.32	566.91	38.4	39.1	41.9	13.72	13.64	13.53
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	546.19	538.16	479.14	43.8	43.4	39.5	12.47	12.40	12.13
Primary & Fabricated Metal Products	551.97	560.92	634.86	36.1	37.0	43.1	15.29	15.16	14.73
Nondurable Goods	520.09	499.55	504.27	40.6	39.9	40.7	12.81	12.52	12.39

Parkersburg-Marietta Metropolitan Statistical Area

(Counties of Wood, West Virginia; Washington, Ohio)

HIGHLIGHTS

EMPLOYMENT: Nonfarm payroll employment in the Parkersburg-Marietta MSA grew by 400 during March 1991. An improvement of 100 jobs was observed in the goods producing sector. Manufacturing withstood a mild retreat (-100) while construction advanced (+200) modestly. Similarly, service producing employment increased 300 for the month. Gains were posted in trade (+100), services (+100), and government (+100). Compared to March 1990, total nonfarm payroll employment increased 200. Goods producing businesses however, lost 600 jobs for the twelve month period with manufacturing sustaining the loss in its entirety. Service-producing employment, on the other hand, increased by 800. Although transportation and public utilities posted a loss (-100), gains were recorded in trade (+200) and services (+700).

UNEMPLOYMENT: Total unemployment in the Parkersburg-Marietta MSA declined 200 during March 1991. Likewise, the unemployment rate dropped from 6.7 to 6.4 percent of the civilian labor force. A comparison to March 1990 reveals the unemployment rate has grown from 4.3 to 6.4 percent.

WV Series Labor Force Data
(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Mar.'91	Revised Feb.'91	Revised Mar.'90
Labor Force	69.4	69.2	68.1
Employment	65.0	64.6	65.1
Unemployment	4.4	4.6	2.9
Rate (%)	6.4	6.7	4.3

BLS Series Labor Force Data
(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Mar.'91	Revised Feb.'91	Revised Mar.'90
Labor Force	72.8	72.9	72.3
Employment	66.4	66.2	67.7
Unemployment	6.4	6.7	4.7
Rate (%)	8.8	9.2	6.4

NONFARM PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

	Prelim. Mar.'91	Revised Feb.'91	Revised Mar.'90	Change From: Feb. 1991	Change From: Mar. 1990
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	61.2	60.8	61.0	0.4	0.2
PRIVATE SECTOR	51.4	51.1	51.2	0.3	0.2
GOODS PRODUCING	17.0	16.9	17.6	0.1	-0.6
Mining	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.0	0.0
Construction	2.6	2.4	2.6	0.2	0.0
Manufacturing	13.9	14.0	14.5	-0.1	-0.6
Durable Goods	6.7	6.8	7.1	-0.1	-0.4
Lumber, Wood Products & Furniture	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	1.7	1.7	1.7	0.0	0.0
Primary & Fabricated Metal Products	2.7	2.8	2.9	-0.1	-0.2
Other Durable Goods	1.3	1.3	1.5	0.0	-0.2
Nondurable Goods	7.2	7.2	7.4	0.0	-0.2
Chemical & Allied Products	5.5	5.5	5.6	0.0	-0.1
Other Nondurable Goods	1.7	1.7	1.8	0.0	-0.1
SERVICE PRODUCING	44.2	43.9	43.4	0.3	0.8
Transportation & Public Utilities	2.4	2.4	2.5	0.0	-0.1
Trade	14.7	14.6	14.5	0.1	0.2
Wholesale Trade	2.8	2.8	2.8	0.0	0.0
Retail Trade	11.9	11.8	11.7	0.1	0.2
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	2.2	2.2	2.2	0.0	0.0
Services	15.1	15.0	14.4	0.1	0.7
Health Services	4.6	4.6	4.4	0.0	0.2
Government	9.8	9.7	9.8	0.1	0.0
Federal	1.9	1.9	1.8	0.0	0.1
State	1.2	1.1	1.2	0.1	0.0
Local	6.7	6.7	6.8	0.0	-0.1
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.0	XX	XX

Average Hours and Earnings of Production Workers in Manufacturing

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Prelim. Mar.'91	Revised Feb.'91	Revised Mar.'90	Prelim. Mar.'91	Revised Feb.'91	Revised Mar.'90	Prelim. Mar.'91	Revised Feb.'91	Revised Mar.'90
Manufacturing	$556.78	$560.44	$529.66	40.7	40.7	40.9	$13.68	$13.77	$12.95
Durable Goods	465.73	477.22	443.90	38.3	38.3	38.6	12.16	12.46	11.50
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	555.98	570.70	517.76	43.2	42.4	43.4	12.87	13.46	11.93
Primary & Fabricated Metal Products	465.04	472.55	441.36	35.8	36.1	36.0	12.99	13.09	12.26
Nondurable Goods	662.28	659.67	633.65	43.6	43.6	43.7	15.19	15.13	14.50

Wheeling-Bridgeport Metropolitan Statistical Area

(Counties of Marshall and Ohio, West Virginia; Belmont, Ohio)

HIGHLIGHTS

EMPLOYMENT: Total nonfarm payroll employment increased 100 during March 1991 in the Wheeling-Bridgeport MSA. The goods-producing sector reflected the gain with an increase of 100 jobs in construction. Mining and manufacturing showed no change during the month. The service-producing sector remained stable during the month as transportation and public utilities, trade, and finance, insurance and real estate reflected no change for the month. Services gained 100 jobs while government declined by 100. Comparison with year-ago March 1990 data reveals a decline of 100 jobs in the private sector. Goods-producing jobs declined by 400 as mining decreased by 300 and manufacturing decreased by 100. The service-producing sector lost 200 jobs, due primarily to a decline in government (-500). Transportation and public utilities also saw a decline of 100 jobs. Retail trade increased by 200. Finance, insurance and real estate and services each increased by 100 jobs.

UNEMPLOYMENT: Total unemployment decreased slightly (-100) during March 1991. The MSA unemployment rate declined to 6.5 percent of the civilian labor force. Comparison with year-ago March 1990 reveals that unemployment increased by 1,700, with the unemployment rate increasing from 4.1 percent to 6.5 percent.

WV Series Labor Force Data
(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Mar.'91	Revised Feb.'91	Revised Mar.'90
Labor Force	68.0	67.9	67.3
Employment	63.5	63.4	64.5
Unemployment	4.4	4.5	2.7
Rate (%)	6.5	6.6	4.1

BLS Series Labor Force Data
(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Mar.'91	Revised Feb.'91	Revised Mar.'90
Labor Force	71.3	71.4	71.5
Employment	64.9	64.9	67.0
Unemployment	6.4	6.5	4.5
Rate (%)	9.0	9.1	6.3

NONFARM PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

	Prelim. Mar.'91	Revised Feb.'91	Revised Mar.'90	Change From: Feb. 1991	Change From: Mar. 1990
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	59.1	59.0	59.7	0.1	-0.6
PRIVATE SECTOR	50.0	49.8	50.1	0.2	-0.1
GOODS PRODUCING	10.7	10.6	11.1	0.1	-0.4
Mining	2.0	2.0	2.3	0.0	-0.3
Construction	1.6	1.5	1.6	0.1	0.0
Manufacturing	7.1	7.1	7.2	0.0	-0.1
Durable Goods	2.7	2.7	2.8	0.0	-0.1
Nondurable Goods	4.4	4.4	4.4	0.0	0.0
SERVICE PRODUCING	48.4	48.4	48.6	0.0	-0.2
Transportation & Public Utilities	3.2	3.2	3.3	0.0	-0.1
Trade	15.9	15.9	15.7	0.0	0.2
Wholesale Trade	2.8	2.8	2.8	0.0	0.0
Retail Trade	13.1	13.1	12.9	0.0	0.2
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	3.1	3.1	3.0	0.0	0.1
Services	17.1	17.0	17.0	0.1	0.1
Health Services	7.7	7.6	7.6	0.1	0.1
Government	9.1	9.2	9.6	-0.1	-0.5
Federal	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.0	0.0
State	1.8	1.8	2.1	0.0	-0.3
Local	6.6	6.7	6.8	-0.1	-0.2
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.0	xx	xx

Average Hours and Earnings of Production Workers in Manufacturing

	Average Weekly Earnings Prelim. Mar.'91	Average Weekly Earnings Revised Feb.'91	Average Weekly Earnings Revised Mar.'90	Average Weekly Hours Prelim. Mar.'91	Average Weekly Hours Revised Feb.'91	Average Weekly Hours Revised Mar.'90	Average Hourly Earnings Prelim. Mar.'91	Average Hourly Earnings Revised Feb.'91	Average Hourly Earnings Revised Mar.'90
Manufacturing	$573.25	$542.32	$560.85	41.6	39.1	41.3	$13.78	$13.87	$13.58
Nondurable Goods	604.86	611.05	600.82	41.6	40.9	40.9	14.54	14.94	14.69
Durable Goods	530.79	448.84	512.05	41.5	36.7	41.8	12.79	12.23	12.25

Applicants and Nonfarm Job Openings in West Virginia Job Service Offices

Occupational Category	Applicants Available Program Year to Date 2/	Active File	NONFARM JOB OPENINGS Received Program Year to Date 2/	UNFILLED Total	UNFILLED 30 Days or More	FILLED Total	Applicant/ Openings Program Year to Date	Active File/ Unfilled Openings End of Month
TOTAL 3/	145,401	62,360	28,365	2,312	1,340	20,711	5.1	27.0
Professional, Technical & Managerial	13,993	6,248	940	161	101	312	14.9	38.8
Clerical & Sales	40,635	15,317	6,157	782	506	3,823	6.6	19.6
Services	18,406	6,845	5,008	467	158	3,163	3.7	14.7
Agricultural, Fishery & Forestry	1,085	481	126	14	3	57	8.6	34.4
Processing	8,881	4,366	667	152	114	434	13.3	28.7
Machine Trades	8,688	4,823	783	103	59	352	11.1	46.8
Benchwork	6,363	2,765	1,056	74	53	840	6.0	37.4
Structural Work	22,928	11,764	1,837	267	141	1,039	12.5	44.1
Miscellaneous	28,743	11,270	11,791	292	205	10,691	2.4	38.6
Transportation	6,425	3,323	734	63	36	391	8.8	52.7
Packaging & Materials Handling	18,726	5,[illegible]2	10,856	201	158	10,198	1.7	28.6
Other 4/	3,592	2,[illegible]5	201	28	11	102	17.9	78.8
Entry Total 5/	94	12	0	0	0	0	xx	xx

1/ Source of Data: SAMS (State Employment Security Automated Management System); Table A96 containing fully registered applicants.
2/ Period Covered: July 1, 1990 through March 31, 1991. Program Year 1990 defined as July 1, 1990 through June 30, 1991.
3/ Total excludes invalid occupational data.
4/ Includes mining, logging, utilities, miscellaneous amusement and recreation, and graphic art work.
5/ Applicants for whom a complete occupational code cannot be assigned because of lack of training/experience.

Select Unemployment Compensation Claims Activities

State UI Program Activity	March 1991	February 1991	March 1990	Percent Change to March 1991 from: Feb. 1991	Mar. 1990
Total Initial Claims 1/	7,464	9,306	5,378	-19.8	38.8
Total Continued Weeks	119,044	118,134	80,644	0.8	47.6
Total Benefits Paid	$15,571,050	$14,926,540	$9,416,726	4.3	65.4
Total Weeks Compensated	102,392	99,854	68,605	2.5	49.2
Average Weekly Payment	$152.07	$149.48	$137.26	1.7	10.8
Monthly Insured Unemployment Rate 2/	5.4	5.6	3.5	xx	xx
UC Fund Balance, End of Month	$115,997,198	$126,907,055	$123,310,806	-8.6	-5.9

1/ Excluding transitional claims.
2/ Seasonally unadjusted.

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Bluefield	5 Mercer Plaza	327-7155
Charleston	1321 Plaza East	348-0342
Clarksburg	153 W Main Street	627-2125
Elkins	7-11 Randolph Avenue	636-1810
Fairmont	109 Adams Street	363-5550
Huntington	914 Fifth Avenue	528-5525
Logan	195 Dingess Street	792-7010
Martinsburg	617 W King Street	267-0030
Morgantown	304 Scott Avenue	285-3120
New Martinsville	249 Clark Street	455-2280
Parkersburg	36th St at Murdoch Av	420-4525
Point Pleasant	225 Sixth Street	675-2770
Ronceverte	299 E Edgar Avenue	647-7415
Summersville	806 Broad Street	872-2950
Weirton	203 Three Springs Drive	748-8500
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